



Anita L. Nicholas

March 11, 1951 - October 31, 2014

Anita Louise Nicholas, 63, longtime Warden resident, passed away Friday, October 31, 2014 at home surrounded by her loving family. Inurnment will be at Guarding Angels Cemetery, Moses Lake. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel and Crematory, Moses Lake.

Anita was born March 11, 1951 in Soap Lake daughter of Floyd and Betty (Cole) Pitts. As a young girl she moved with her family to Colville where she was raised and educated. Following high school she attended Spokane Community College. It was during this time that she met Bruce Nicholas and they were married in Spokane on January 29, 1971. They made their home in Othello for a short time before moving to Warden where they have lived for the past 42 years.

Anita had been a very dedicated employee of Asgrow-Seminis Vegetable Seed Company of Warden for more than 35 years.

She enjoyed cooking, her family, friends, genealogy, Northwest College basketball and was a longtime Warden FFA Supporter

Survivors include her loving husband of 43 years, Bruce Nicholas, Warden: two children, Alan (Terry) Nicholas of Moses Lake and Rita Nicholas of Moses Lake: mother, Betty Pitts of Colville: one sister, Debbie (Gene) Hunter of Spokane: two brothers, Greg Pitts of Kettle Falls and Jeff (Michel) Pitts of Colville: four grandchildren, Alex and Allie (Rita), Luke and Lily (Alan and Terry), all of Moses Lake.

Anita was preceded in death by one son, Tony Nicholas in 1988, her father, Floyd Pitts in 2012 and her parent-in-laws, Rey and Beverly Nicholas. She brought joy to others with her easy laughter. Family was very important to Anita, and she was always creating memories and traditions for her children and grandchildren.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Claudia Scott lit a candle in memory of Anita L. Nicholas*



Claudia Scott - November 13, 2014 at 04:43 PM

CS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Anita's passing. I was her roommate when she, Mary Neutz and I, Claudia Staeheli, were attending Spokane Community College and lived together at E. 211 Mission. She was a great person and a good friend who I am sorry that I lost track of. Bruce's mother, Beverly lived two doors away from my mother in Colville and I have known Betty for years. Anita's father, Floyd, passed away at Buena Vista while my mother was there. I treasure the year we lived together so many years ago. Sincerely, Claudia Staeheli Scott.*

Claudia Scott - November 13, 2014 at 04:42 PM

KH

“ *My dear friend Anita,
One of my fondest memories...is getting the giggles in class over some little thing. You were a fun friend. And, when I showed up at school one day with a metal back brace on for my scoliosis, you continued to be my friend and did not get embarrassed to be seen with me. How kind that was, thank you. Hugs from your friend Kathi Hoffman*

Kathi Hoffman - November 12, 2014 at 10:54 AM

KH

“ *Kathi Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Anita L. Nicholas*



Kathi Hoffman - November 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RB

“ *Anita and family.*

Anita, I was happy to have known you in high school at Colville High School, class of 1969. I was also privileged to have spent some time with you after graduation on May 18, until we both headed for our futures that fall. We had some fun that summer. I remember a little country drive out in the Mill Creek area. You dug up this little evergreen tree and gave it to me. I took it home and planted it next to my parents cellar building. It is still there. That 4th of July, I remember late that night blowing off some fire crackers at the back side of your parents home. You later told me your father wasn't happy about that. I'm pretty sure I sent you a card or message at his passing, as that was something I've been doing for our class. In the past few years, I had sent emails, messages to our class members about the passings of our class members, with regret, I have done so for you. I have also sent messages to you on Facebook, but didn't hear back. Your health, or just the passing of time may have been a factor. I don't know why you passed, but I will miss you my friend.

My condolences to all of Anita's family and friends.

Ronald Bestrom

Tacoma

ron bestrom - November 10, 2014 at 12:28 AM

JS

“ Dear Bruce, Rita, and Alan and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I know she is no longer in pain. I loved Anita from the moment I first met her. She is such a delightful person. I didn't know her for very long but we sure hit it off. We talked and laughed, and cried and prayed together. Those times were so special. She will be missed by all of us. I am so thankful I have those memories of our sharing.
Prayers go up for all the family for peace, and comfort.

Don and Joan Smith

Joan Smith - November 08, 2014 at 12:33 PM

KK

“ Dear Bruce, Rita, Alan and family,
I am sorry for the loss of Anita. I can't find adequate words. She was such a beautiful soul, so creative and so loving. I always remember her as being the picture of a great lady and the kind of graceful and sweet woman we all hope our daughters will grow up to be like. She had a great laugh and a warm smile and my last memory of her was sitting with you all at Rita's house the winter after my mom passed away and feeling so comforted by Anita's soft spoken and gentle presence because she was so much the embodiment of a mother, that I felt my own mom's spirit in the room. I hope you will find comfort knowing that she is reunited with Tony in our Savior's presence and that you will all see each other again in heaven.
With much love,
Kristen Kimmey

Kristen Kimmey - November 07, 2014 at 12:08 PM

BL

“ I had the honor of working with Anita in production when I was working out of the Warden office and then again when I worked on several computer implementation projects. Anita helped me through several tough times in my personal life, and I will always be grateful for her kind words and sound advise. She was a wonderful lady with a big heart that always took care of those that she associated with. I miss my talks with her, and know that she will be missed by all those that knew her. God Bless her and her family.

Blake Lulloff - November 06, 2014 at 06:35 PM

PK

“ Dear Rita, Alan and Family, I so enjoyed getting to know your Mom through her support for the Business Ed. department at Warden High School. She added so much to my advisory committee and I treasure the memory of going to an F.B.L.A. conference with Anita and Rita. God Bless You All and may you be comforted in knowing we have the promise of eternal life through our Lord, Jesus Christ. With love and prayers, Patty Kisler

Patty Kisler - November 06, 2014 at 02:44 PM

LB

“ *Bruce, Alan and Rita,*

We probably remember you better than you remember us. You were all very small when we lived next door. It may have been a short time, but Anita left many lasting memories in my life. She was such an inspiration, always trying the next great domestic thing. If ever there were a domestic goddess, she was the one. We started a little business with plaster craft ornaments, we made partridges out of bread dough. We drank loose tea from all over the world and shared homemade wine, made our own English muffins and corncob jelly and goat cheese. I could go on, but just want to say that those memories will stick with me forever. Your wife and mom was an incredible woman!

Lorraine Benson - November 06, 2014 at 01:27 PM

JG

“ I began working with Anita in 1986 when I joined Asgrow Seed Company. She was always very helpful, kind and patient and always made time to do what she could to teach and problem solve with you. The first trip I remember being with her was a trip to Kalamazoo, Michigan to the corporate headquarters of Upjohn. Betty Cross and her husband were so gracious to take a carload of girls to Holland, MI to look at the tulips. It was the beginning of many training trips that we made together; spending a great deal of time in California for Production meetings and training for SAP. One training session the training allowed us to spend the weekend and we were able to go to the Getty Museum; we all had a wonderful time. I also recall the time she and Bruce took me out on the Lake in their boat and we had a great time. We often shared stories of our family and grandchildren and she was so proud of all of them. Anita was always thinking of others and how to help and it was a privilege to call her my friend. I will miss her sense of humor and all the wonderful conversations we used to have. Rest in peace Anita. Bruce, Rita, Allen & family, you are in my thoughts and hoping you will find comfort in the many memories of her.

Judy Gray

Judy Gray - November 06, 2014 at 11:36 AM

PK

“ I had the pleasure of knowing/working with Anita at Seminis for 10 plus years. She was always cheerful, willing to help, go the extra mile and always was concerned about others and wanted to know what was going on in your world. I will miss her witty comments and wonderful personality.

Paul Klein

Paul Klein - November 06, 2014 at 11:22 AM

JP

“ We met Anita and her family when our children, Tony and Cherie were in PreSchool. She was a kind and gracious lady. We always enjoyed our time together talking about our grandchildren, genealogy, cooking, gardening, local and world events. At different times we attended classes, a golf class at the Warden Golf Course was a example, we stayed out on the course trying to finish until the sprinklers came on!

We are glad Anita was able to enjoy her new home these last few months. We will miss you Anita, may you rest in peace. Bruce, Allen, Terry and family, and Rita and family you are in our thoughts.
Helen and John Preston

John & Helen Preston - November 05, 2014 at 07:58 PM

KK

“ I worked with Anita for 30 years and found her to be very intelligent and giving. She would often stop what she was doing to assist fellow employees with a project or just to talk, often causing her to work late or weekends to complete her own projects. She loved helping others.

Things changed as Asgrow became Seminis then Monsanto and our work world broadened and new people were added. She made friends with people all over the country and the world and help them understand the seed business.

I remember talking with her about retirement and all the things we would do. I'm so sorry she never got the chance to enjoy retirement, but she was able to enjoy her new house which was always a dream of hers.

Anita may you rest in God's peace, free of pain and suffering. Bruce, Allen, and Rita you are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless.

Karen & Jerry Kinder

Karen Kinder - November 04, 2014 at 11:02 AM

VJ

“ *Anita was a great and loving person* ”



Vicki Jeske - November 03, 2014 at 10:32 PM