



## Bernell Leitzke

May 27, 1936 - July 23, 2018

Bernell M. Leitzke was born and raised in Wolford ND, daughter of Tom & Mabel Lima. She passed away Monday, July 23, 2018 in Spokane, her family at her side. Bernell graduated from Minot State Teachers College and moved to Moses Lake WA in 1959 to start her teaching career. She was married to Duane Leitzke in August 1960, they were married for 51 yrs. Bernell taught at MLSD for several years before teaching for The Japanese Agricultural Training Program, conversational English, a job she loved. Bernell was an avid gardener and waited for spring every year to plant usually way more flowers than there was room for. She also loved to cook and bake, especially at Christmas where there was always goodies to be delivered to many. And then there was the Gonzaga Bulldogs, she rarely missed a game. On game day the flag went up in front of the house and there was no reason to call her during a game because she wouldn't answer. She was most proud of her Grandson Jaxon, bragging and showing pictures whenever she could, she really wished she could have seen him start Kindergarten.

Bernell was preceded in death by her loving husband of 51 years, Duane. She is survived by her two brothers, Don and Bud (Jerri) Lima of Wolford, North Dakota. Son Jeff, daughter Karen, granddaughter Kelsy and great grandson Jaxon.

We will truly miss her!

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 200 N. Dale Road, Moses Lake. Please sign the

online guestbook or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com)  
Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.  
Moses Lake, WA 98837  
(509) 765-7848

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 31. 11:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church  
200 N. Dale Road  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ Jeff, Karen, and Kelsy and family,  
I am sorry for your loss. Your mother was a warm and caring  
woman. I will certainly miss seeing her out and about.  
You're in my thoughts and prayers during this time of grief.  
Love to all, Elisabeth Murrell

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**Elisabeth Murrell** - August 02, 2018 at 01:09 AM

KM

“ Jeff & Karen,  
We are sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom, Duane and  
Bernell were such special people, and good friends  
Alan McKay  
Katherine McKay Molyneux

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**Katherine McKay Molyneux** - July 30, 2018 at 11:38 PM

BL

“ Bernie was such a fun and spirited lady. I taught with her in JATP for  
11 years, and her students and the other faculty and staff loved her.  
She was such a good an example of living with grace, even when  
faced with adversity. The world will be a sadder place without her. I  
send my prayers to her family. May the Lord grant you peace and  
comfort.

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**Bette Lang** - July 30, 2018 at 01:56 AM

CK

“ Jeff and Karen & family; We are so sorry to hear about your Mom passing away. She was a wonderful lady, and liked by everyone who knew her. We are remembering with you, and sharing in the sadness of losing someone so important in your life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Cathy & Paul Kersey

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**Cathy Kersey** - July 29, 2018 at 09:42 PM

SG

“ Thoughts and Prayers for your family. Bernell was a very good woman.

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**Sally Goodwin** - July 24, 2018 at 04:00 PM

TS

“ Our family have great memories of Bernie. As a young girl I thought she was the sweetest person I knew and all these years later my feelings never changed. She and Duane were a part of our lives as we were growing up.....she will me missed.  
Our sincere sympathy to the family.

*Jeff and Terry Trask Skeesick*

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**Terry Skeesick** - July 24, 2018 at 01:41 PM

RT

“ Jeff and Karen, Your mother and father were a big part of my life growing up from the day the arrived in Moses Lake. My sincere sympathy for your loss.

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**Robert Trask** - July 24, 2018 at 10:47 AM

JC

*Jeff you and your family are in my heart, thoughts, and prayers. I didn't know your mom that well. But knowing she raised an amazing son speaks highly of her. We are never ready to let our mom go as she is so important to us. God Bless you and your family. Special prayers being said for your mom. ❤️❤️❤️🙏*

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**Jeanne Cunnington** - July 24, 2018 at 04:06 PM

CK

*My deepest sympathy, Jeff and Karen ,Have good memories with your mother and dad, God Bless*

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**Clara Kirkwood** - July 28, 2018 at 09:23 AM

PS

*Jeff, Karen and family, my sincere sympathy to you all. I remember your mom as fun loving, and patient. May happy memories surround you at this difficult time.*

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**Pat Stanley** - July 29, 2018 at 06:47 PM



“ *My Deepest Sympathy to Jeff, Karen, Kelsy & Jaxon*



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**Denise Hancock** - July 24, 2018 at 02:50 AM

SH

“ *Condolences and prayers to the Leitzke family. Your mother was a wonderful lady. It was always so enjoyable to visit with her over the years.*

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**Susan Hobson** - July 23, 2018 at 08:54 PM