



Dawn Nelson

January 30, 1917 - December 28, 2015

Dawn Ann Nelson, age 98, passed away peacefully on December 28, 2015 surrounded by friends and family. She was full of energy and “spunky” her whole life, and was joking with relatives just the night before.

She was born January 30, 1917 to Lois and Wendell Phillips in Lewiston, ID. She had 3 brothers and one sister who preceded her in death. She married her high school sweetheart, Osmon T. “Nels” Nelson on October 17, 1936. They were married 63 years before he died in 1999. They had 4 children, Mike (Karen) Nelson, of Port Orchard, Jim (Linda) Nelson of Clinton, Rex Nelson, who sadly passed in 2007, Mary (Richard) Niemeyer of Omak, 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and one great- great grandchild.

Dawn Ann lived a busy, productive life. She worked as a dental assistant for her uncles as a teenager, later helped with the family gas station in Moses Lake, was a public school instructional assistant, and touched many lives. She sold Avon, and was a Weight Watchers lecturer in her “spare” time. She walked for miles every day around her Skyline Acres neighborhood, either with a buddy or alone. Not many could keep up with her pace!

After Nels passed, she lived in the local Hearthstone for a brief time then moved to the Ellensburg Hearthstone for 14 years, some of the happiest of her life—where she delighted other residents with the products of her baking hobby. Recently she moved back home to Brookdale. Her family was the joy of her life. She also derived hours of pleasure from her sewing, crocheting, knitting, and quilting projects. One of her quilts was featured at the Rocky Mtn.

Quilt Museum Golden, Colo. Her legacies of great sense of humor, a zest for life, and the beautiful handcrafts she created and gifted are treasures that the family and generations to come will enjoy with fond memories of mom and grandma.

Celebration of Life for Dawn Ann will be Saturday, May 28, 2016 from 1:00pm - 4:00pm at the Boy's & Girls' Club, 425 N. Paxson Drive, Moses Lake, WA 98837 . RSVP 509-826-2254

Previous Events

Service

MAY 28. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Boys' and Girls' Club
425 N. Paxson Drive
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Have often thought about Dawn Nelson. In 1977 I had joined “Weight Watchers” Dawn was the lecturer there in Moses Lake WA. She was such a “peppy” person! Personable, never knew a stranger, inviting and welcoming! At one point WW had decided the Moses Lake group needed a “younger” lecturer and meetings were just not the same! All that friendliness, personality and pep just dwindled away. Love you Dawn Nelson! Forever in my thoughts.

Julie Gaertner - April 04 at 03:48 PM

HJ

“ My grandma was the best there was! Big heart blessed soul. Some of the funniest times of my life was with my grandmother. I am the daughter of Jim Nelson.... As there was no mention of her grandchildren whom she adored each and everyone of us in her own way... My grandma lived a long and interesting life with never a dull moment. She will be missed beyond words. It's not what gram gave us in monetary or gifts... But taught us to be brave and strong individuals to love whole hearted and be kind to others. Forever in our hearts grandma... My heart is full knowing you are at peace and with grandpa and uncle Rex... Love you forever❤️
Love, Heidi

Heidi Nelson (Daughter of Jim) - January 16, 2016 at 09:14 AM

DM

“ I was saddened to hear of Dawn's passing. I met Dawn when I visited my parents at the Hearthstone in Ellensburg a few years ago. Dawn always asked about my parents and made sure I had cookies or a snack during our visits. Was truly a sweet, kind and nice person who reminded me of my own Grandmother. Lived a complete and full life. Dean Mitchell

Dean Mitchell - January 11, 2016 at 09:38 PM

CK

“ Dawn was such a sweet lady. When I worked at the Monroe House, she would come and visit Viola Noone. She was such a kind, caring person. When she moved to Ellensburg, I lost track of her, and didn't know she was back in Moses Lake. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. Cathy & Paul Kersey

Cathy Kersey - January 04, 2016 at 09:38 PM

ML

“ Dawn and I worked together for many years at Longview Elementary. She was loved by staff and children. She could have been a teacher herself the way she worked with the students. I knew she had moved to Ellensburg for some time. Didn't know she was back in Moses Lake. I would have visited her often if I had known. She was such a sweetheart. She will be missed here in this world.



Maralyn Lindholm - January 03, 2016 at 02:13 AM

JF

“ Jareen (Melton) Finney lit a candle in memory of Dawn Nelson



Jareen (Melton) Finney - January 01, 2016 at 10:36 AM

AJ

“ When visiting my Mom at Brookdale. I'd see Dawn usually at the dinner table. I'd stop by, she'd squeeze my hand and ask about my family and ask about the kids at the school I worked at. She had such a sweet positive outlook on life. I'll miss seeing her sweet smile.

Arna Johnson - December 30, 2015 at 08:49 PM

CH

“ Charlotte Hauff lit a candle in memory of Dawn Nelson



Charlotte Hauff - December 29, 2015 at 07:36 PM

CH

Dawn was a neighbor for years in Skyline acres a very kind Lady. Rest In Peace Dawn.

Charlotte Hauff - December 29, 2015 at 07:43 PM

JF

I also remember Dawn living/growing up in Skyline Acres & also remember her when she worked @ Longview elementary as a playground aide. She was a sweet, special lady & also very kind; a very good listener but also a great story teller. RIP Dawn

Jareen Melton Finney - January 01, 2016 at 10:34 AM

WJ

Dawn was one of the first to befriend our Mom, Millie Johnson, who moved to Hearthstone (Ellensburg) in 2005 and we were always grateful. Dawn was a good friend to Millie for years and it was delightful to visit with her regularly. We enjoyed bringing her green tomatoes for her famous pie. Sadly, we lost both great ladies this year.

Will and Cindy Johnson - January 01, 2016 at 07:32 PM

JA

Dawn, you were such a sweet gentle and loving soul. The world will miss you. Condolences to the family from the Anzelini family.

john anzelini - January 12, 2016 at 12:24 PM

ST

I was hoping that this time would never come and I would not be writing this, I love you very much Gramma, you were such a good person and oh what a positive attitude. You were the last of our parents to leave us, still is hard to believe, was so hoping you would make 100. Love you very much sweet little lady, it gives me great comfort that one day I will see you again. As the kids says, you rocked it! From one of the many who love you, Sharon

Sharon Nelson Thayer - January 16, 2016 at 01:50 PM