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Donna Lynne Byker, age 71, was born in San Francisco, CA, on August 4, 1949 to parents, Peter and Millie Ramirez. She grew up in San Jose, CA, and was the middle child of the family, with two sisters, Sherrie and Jeannie.

At the age of three, Donna contracted polio, which would cause physical challenges for the remainder of her life.

Donna was a career secretary, working for companies such as IBM, two different churches, and the Coot ATV company in Chico, CA, where she met her loving husband of 48 years, John Byker.

John and Donna resided for many years in Durham, CA, where they raised two children, Wendy and John.

The Bykers moved to Moses Lake, WA, in 1997, following a job change for John. Donna and John attended Grace Harvest Church for many years, where they built many meaningful friendships.

Donna loved her family deeply, including her five grandchildren, children and their spouses, nieces and

nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews. She had a very generous, giving spirit, and despite physical

limitations, was always full of joy, with a huge smile and a hug for everyone.

Donna had a strong faith in Jesus Christ as her Savior and trusted Him daily for all her needs. She was an

inspiration to many for her faith, generosity, and joy that embodied who she was.

On Thursday, June 10, 2021, Donna entered the presence of her Savior at 8:06 a.m. with her husband,

John, and her sister, Jeannie, at her side, after a battle with cancer.

Donna is preceded in death by her father, Peter Ramirez, 1925-2013, and her mother Mildred Ramirez, 1924-2015.

Donna is survived by her husband, John Byker; her daughter, Wendy Laney and son-in-law, Matthew

Laney, and granddaughters, Jenna, Jady, and Claire, of Moses Lake, WA; her son, John Byker and

daughter-in-law, Makenzie, and grandsons, Levi and Dax, of Chico, CA; her sister, Sherrie Wood and

brother-in-law, Bill Wood, of Vero Beach, FL; her sister, Jeannie Searing and brother-in-law, Grant

Searing, of Moses Lake, WA; her niece, Lisa Weaver and her husband, Russ, and family, of Everett, WA;

her niece, Ann-Marie Matzinger and her husband, Jake, and family, of Vero Beach, FL; and nephews

Robert Chavez, of CA, and Jeremy Chavez and his wife, Ashley, and family, of Lake Stevens, WA.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 25, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at Grace Harvest Church in

Moses Lake. A reception will follow.

The family is requesting that instead of flowers, donations be made in Donna's name to Assured Hospice,

or the Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation. Both were an essential part of Donna's care.

Thank you to Kayser's Chapel of Memories, Guardian Angels Cemetery, and Grace Harvest Church.

Cemetery Details

Guarding Angels Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **25**. 4:00 PM (PT)

Grace Harvest Church
313 Fig St.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mrs. Donna was always one of my favourite school helpers when I went to covenant Christian school. She will be missed dearly.* ”



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“ *I met Donna just a few years ago. She was a dear friend of my now fiance Jeff Conn's mom, Nancy. I had the wonderful opportunity to meet her, her husband John, her sister Sherrie and Sherrie's husband Bill at a Chico favorite, La Comida. I couldn't have asked for a more endearing and welcoming family to meet. We had an instant connection. Donna was so sweet that she even invited me to their family reunion in Moses Lake that same year! I will forever be grateful for meeting this kind soul. Her legacy will live on in her children and grandchildren and her heart in those that loved her...like me. Rest in peace my beautiful friend. May we meet again one day.* ”

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“ For Donna's Family,

All of us here at Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation were so very sorry to hear that Donna has passed away.....I met her once & then talked with her on the phone many times & she seemed like such a kind, sweet person. Cancer is such a dreadful disease, and I hope it is some comfort to you that Donna is at peace now, and doesn't have to struggle or suffer anymore. We are keeping you all in our thoughts & prayers!

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