



## Donna Ann Rietz

September 17, 1946 - January 8, 2020

Donna Ann Rietz, 73, of Moses Lake, WA passed away peacefully on January 8, 2020. She was born in Yakima, WA to Donald and Laura Vickerman on September 17, 1946. She won “Most Beautiful Baby” contest. Shortly there after they moved to Moses Lake, WA to land that was purchased by her parents in WWII.

Donna attended Peninsula Frontier Jr. High and Moses Lake High School, graduating in 1965. She married Roger Whitaker the same year and welcomed their son, Gary. In 1969 son, Gavin, arrived.

In 1981 she married her best friend, Rick Rietz. They had 39 wonderful years together.

She lived her whole life in Moses Lake, never wanting to be anywhere else.

Donna worked for over 30 years for the school district as a Special Education Para Professional, receiving awards for her service. She said they were the true angels. Some of her favorite things were black cats, roses, reading mysteries and riding her bike with Rick.

We will miss her quick wit and kind heart. Love you to the full moon and back.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Donald and Laura Vickerman, Roger Whitaker and Sharon Delong.

She is survived by her loving husband Rick Rietz; sons, Gary (Charlene) Whitaker and Gavin Whitaker; sister, Laurie (Farrel) Huntsman; brothers, James (Kathy) Vickerman and Dennis (Jan) Vickerman; 2 granddaughters and 5 great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Katie Kendall.

A memorial service will be held at Kayser's Chapel of Memories in Moses Lake, WA on Friday, January 17, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, family requests donation be made to the local animal shelter in her name.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories  
831 S. Pioneer Way  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall



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**Sydneys Grandmab** - January 18, 2020 at 11:59 PM



“ Sydneys Grandmab lit a candle in memory of Donna Ann Rietz



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**Sydneys Grandmab** - January 18, 2020 at 11:40 PM

KG

“ Donna was the first person I ever worked with in the school district. We became very close until she transferred schools. I learned so much from her and we laughed and laughed. We stayed in touch over the years and I will miss our chats. My heartfelt sympathy to her family. She will be missed by many.

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**Kim Green** - January 17, 2020 at 07:22 PM

JL

“ Joan Lobie lit a candle in memory of Donna Ann Rietz



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**Joan Lobie** - January 15, 2020 at 11:00 AM

MA

“ Meeting her this summer was a delight!  
My prayers are heading your way; Rick, family & friends.  
Mary Bafus

Mary - January 14, 2020 at 04:53 PM

JV

“ Janet Vickerman lit a candle in memory of  
Donna Ann Rietz



janet vickerman - January 14, 2020 at 04:43 PM

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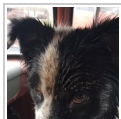
Donna Vickerman Rietz will be missed by all who knew her. She worked for many years in the ML School District and gave her all to the many students she came to know. My thoughts and prayers to Rick and Donna’s many family members. Nicci Warren

nicci warren - January 16, 2020 at 12:35 AM



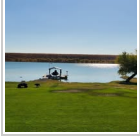
Sorry to hear this. She was such a nice lady. Linda Barrett

Linda Mae Hall - January 16, 2020 at 10:35 PM



Ripps was my sidekick,my teacher, my buddy, my friend. She was a giver, sharing her love with children she worked with, and anyone who shared her space. She wore her heart on her sleeve for the kids she touched. She kept her sorrows to herself. She was a listener, always ready to help her family and friends through hard times and share in the joy of good times. She was, with all sincerity, The Wind Beneath My Wings. I will always love her and will forever miss her. Precious Donna-Keep the doors of Heaven open, so we can all come to be with you one day. Love you always, Bobi Spence

Sydneys Grandmab - January 18, 2020 at 11:49 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences on the loss of this wonderful lady. It is our hope that the wonderful memories will help you all with the healing. Gary, Char, Crystal, Ashton as well as the rest of the family.....you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Denyse N Joe Ottmar** - January 13, 2020 at 04:02 PM