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It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our wife, mother, grandmother and dear friend, Edythe Yokem-Stapelman. She passed peacefully at home 5pm Monday, October 18, 2010. She had bravely struggled during the last 6 months with 5 serious operations, infection and cancer. Her final request was to go home and be surrounded by her loving family.

Edy was born May 30, in Tagus, North Dakota. She was a jack-of-all-trades and in her own words “graduated from the school of hard knocks.” She worked hard at everything she did including being a photo re-toucher and painter in a photography studio, postal clerk, school cafeteria worker and motel interim manager.

She married Ray Yokem and happily had one son with him, Brice. She was a strong, supportive farmer’s wife until Ray died in 1993. She remarried in 1996 to Richard Stapelman who she referred to as her ripe dandelion with his nice white hair. With her marriage to Richard, she inherited his large family of six children and their families. All of whom, Edy joyfully and warmly embraced as her own. She kept up a lively and regular correspondence with all her family and friends and rarely ever missed a birthday or holiday greeting. Edy was a great dancer and loved her role as senior center coordinator. Besides dancing she regularly played cards with dear friends or went to see the Big Bands play

at the Senior Center.

She is survived by her husband Richard Stapelman and his six children and their families, only son Brice Yokem, her sister Edna and her family, including her niece, Vicky.

In lieu of flowers, Edy wanted donations made to her favorite charity Operation Uplink, www.operationuplink.org, or Central Basin Home Health and Hospice, 311 West Third Ave. Moses Lake, WA 98837.

Tribute Wall



“ *Edy, we will miss your warmth, laughter and especially your sense of humor.*###imported-begin###Suzy & Joe Abbott###imported-end##

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“ *Edy: Your feistiness will not be forgotten. May you move forward in peace.*###imported-begin###Mike Stapelman###imported-end##

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“ *I will truly miss my close friend. She was always there for me in all my bad times. She was one of my biggest fans. She can not be replaced. When I think of her I see those bright eyes, quick smile and little laugh. She will always be with me in my heart.*
Joyce###imported-begin###Joyce Melgren###imported-end##

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“ *Brice,*
Please know that you are in our thoughts and we pray that you are comforted.

Jimmie###imported-begin###Jimmie Lee###imported-end##

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“ *I'm very sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you.*###imported-begin###Chris Tolbert###imported-end##

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“ Brice - The MIS team at Scott & White Health Plan extend our condolences to you and your family during this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Paula Cox##imported-end##

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