



Jean Fleming

April 10, 1945 - February 14, 2024

Jean Fleming was born on April 10, 1945, in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was the daughter of Jess T. Barksdale and Charlene A. (Hughes) Barksdale. Her family lived in New Mexico, but her father was stationed in Wilmington during WWII which caused her to be born there. After the war the family returned to their home in New Mexico. She spent her early years in New Mexico and then in about 1950 the family moved to Oregon where she attended grade school. When her father accepted a position with the Grant County PUD the family moved again, this time to Washington in 1959. Jean would live in Eastern Washington for the remainder of her life. The family originally lived in Ephrata but moved to the Wanapum dam housing project in the early '60s. She and her sister were bussed to Quincy to attend high school, where she graduated in 1963. She married Charlie Keith in 1966 and they had one daughter, Deborah Lou Keith, Jean's only child. The couple divorced and many years later she married Mike Fleming and they too divorced.

She lived in Othello, Moses Lake and Ephrata during her life. She was employed in several local businesses in both Moses Lake and Ephrata. She worked at both IGA and Safeway stores, worked many years at Ross Automotive and most recently retired from her job at National Frozen Food Company.

Jean was an animal lover, and, in her house, you would always find her current cat companions. Later in life dogs were added to the menagerie. Until

her health declined, she was visible in her community making many dear friends along the way. Her life-long friend and roommate Mardi Carroll was her most enduring friendship that spanned many decades.

Jean is survived by her daughter Deborah Lou Keith, her sister Margie Lou (Barksdale) Leystra, her 3 grandchildren - Kameron Firouzi, Kayleeanna (Firouzi) Williams and Kristina (Firouzi) Hallberg and 7 great grandchildren. In addition, she is survived by many nieces and nephews.

We unexpectedly lost Jean on February 14, 2024. We are immensely saddened by the tragic circumstances of her untimely death. Her absence will be deeply felt by her many friends and family who loved her.

A Celebration of Life for both Jean Fleming and Mardi Carroll is set for April 20th, 2024 at 11:00AM at the Ephrata Recreation Center. Food will be provided. Please come to share in fellowship and memories to honor these two remarkable women.

Condolences for Jean can be sent to: Deborah Keith, 1268 East 11000 South, Sandy, UT 84094

Donations in memory can be sent to: American Legion Art Semro Post 28, 276 8th Avenue NW, Ephrata, WA 98823

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **20**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Ephrata Recreation Center
112 Basin St SW
Ephrata, WA 98823

Tribute Wall

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“ So many great memories with Jean. Loved our time with her. Laughter all the time and what a smile. I miss that smile and laughter. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all her family and friends. My thought and prayers to you all.

Margie Bocook - April 17, 2024 at 06:23 PM