



Karen Ann Crook

September 16, 2025

Karen Ann (Blair) Crook of Moses Lake Washington, age 84 died September 16, 2025 peacefully at home with her family by her side.

Karen was born September 1941 to Virgil and Belle Blair in Longview, Washington. Karen had one sister Barbara Easley that preceded her in death. She graduated from R.A. Long in Longview 1959. She was involved in the 4-H club and entered her animals into local fairs. She won the state Cherry Pie Contest in 1959. The prize was a trip to Hawaii. She attended Lower Columbia Jr. College graduated in 1961 as a Home Extension Contractor. Karen married Clayton Dick Crook in March of 1962. They raised 2 daughters Cindy Carmel Crook and Kelly Ann Crook.

Karen moved to Bellingham with her husband attending Western Washington State College (WWU). Karen joined Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in 1962 and was an active member until her death. Karen was a homemaker and busy mother to her new born daughter Cindy.

In 1965 Karen and family moved to Seattle, Washington. Karen was a homemaker canning everything in her garden and busy mother to her second new born Kelly Ann. Karen started here making and bottling her own wine from cranberry to dandelion wine. Still very active with Beta Sigma Phi with socials and fund raisers.

In 1971 Karen and family moved to the Eastern Washington to Sunnyside. Karen worked at Totem Sale Department store (old version Walmart, sold everything) as the buyer for toys and housewares. Karen was busy canning

not just from her garden but from the farmers in the area. She canned everything from pickled asparagus to concord grape for juice. Karen worked on the City of Sunnyside float each year that traveled around the state. She worked with her husband on the Sunnyside Sunshine Days Parade. Hosting hunters from the west coast of Washington for hunting season. Camping with her family in the summer at Scootney Reservoir on the weekends.

In 1978 Karen moved to Kennewick, Washington with Clay and the girls. She worked on remodeling their house basement and working at Washington Hardware store in Pasco, Washington. She still very active in Beta Sigma Phi hosting meetings and chairperson for yearly dances.

In 1981 Karen and Clay transferred to the city that they wanted to retire in Moses Lake. Moving into a vacant house on the lake with no yard and covered in Mt Saint Helens ash, she had her work cut out for her setting up the home for her family, Clay and the girls. She joined the Moses Lake Car club in 1981 with her husband, traveling around the country to car shows with the many cars they owned. Karen was president of the car club a couple the years and organized many of the Poker Runs for the Car Club. She worked at Dell's Art and Crafts for years until it closed. She became a judge at the Grant Country fair in the Crafting Building. She worked the food booths for the Rotary and Beta Sigma Phi and took tickets at the front gate of the fair. She worked at Pay N Pack Hardware store for 5 years until she retired. In her retirement she enjoyed bowling, Bunko and going out to Big Bend Community College for the College Basketball. In 2006 Karen and Clay traveled Route 66 in their 1966 Marlin car traveling the total 2,448 miles. It took them 3 months to travel the whole route, stopping at car shows along the way.

Karen joined her husband Clay Crook who passed in March of 2024. Karen survived by her daughters Kelly Crook, Cindy Manderfeld, son in law Robert Manderfeld and Charity Volquardson of Moses Lake. Grandson Eric Volquardson, great granddaughter Araceli Amezcua and great grandson Jak Suarez all of San Diego, Ca.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Jodie Williams lit a candle in memory of Karen Crook*



Jodie Williams - September 30, 2025 at 01:18 PM

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“ *Karen and Clay were wonderful caring people to so many. You never knew when they would appear at your door in the little car, for a short chat and “ how you doing?” They took such good care of my “girls” when I couldn’t be there. They were special folk and will be greatly missed. Love..JoAnn & Bob Shockley*

JoAnn Shockley - September 27, 2025 at 01:25 PM

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“ *Tom & I loved the wonderful memories & friendships with Clay & Karen. Spring Festival,, Rotary, Big Bend basketball, Hawaii filled our lives with happy times. Many thoughts and prayers to Cindy and Kelly, with love Bev Shuford*

Beverly Shuford - September 25, 2025 at 01:46 PM

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Karen & Clay were some of the very best !! They were the most community members ever...1st to volunteer, last to leave, after the work was all done!!

Cathy Kersey - October 02, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ We invited our new neighbors Clay and Karen to our home across the street for a beer. Our hunting dog was so impressed with Karen that he lifted his leg and peed on her back! We knew our friendship would last many years as Karen laughed! We shared many years with the hunting group at Mick and Becky Tucker. We kept in contact with them in Moses Lake, visiting them on Memorial Day week ends when we were at Brandon and Marie's. We will miss those visits but not the memories. Love you Cindy and Kelly!
Delbert and Linda

Linda A Piloy - September 24, 2025 at 11:39 PM



“ Remember visiting with Robert and Cindy and clay and Karen one summer we went shopping through antique stores Karen was a caring and loving woman would love to have spent more time with her

Adeline Manderfeld - September 24, 2025 at 11:24 PM