



Lorryne R. Peterson

April 18, 1928 - January 6, 2015

(Ida) Lorryne Roberts Peterson passed away peacefully Jan 6, 2015, at her home in Moses Lake.

Lorryne was born April 18, 1928, in Livingston, Mt, to Doris Mae (Abbie) and Frank Roberts, and lived her childhood in Gardiner, Mt, and Yellowstone Park, where her father worked on roads for the park service. She had great stories of living the summers in tents or travel trailers in the park, even getting chased by bears. She also spent some years in Death Valley and Las Vegas.

Lorryne moved to Soap Lake while in high school, when her father helped put in the airport in Moses Lake. She was an Apple Blossom Princess and attended Central Washington State

College in Ellensburg. Lorryne married Lawrence D. Peterson in 1947, and they lived in

Ephrata before moving to Moses Lake. They had three children, but also opened their home to foster children and exchange students. Lorryne was an involved mother, with school activities, PTA and Scouts. She made beautiful tricycle floats for the ML Kiddies Parades and helped take a troop of high school Girl Scouts to Mexico one year over Christmas.

In her life, Lorryne was a dental assistant, taught arts at the women's Job

Corps, and worked for a local architect. She created the authentic petroglyph tiles displayed at the Wanapum Dam Visitors Center. She supported many local causes - the library, food bank, and Rotary, but literacy was most dear to her heart. She tutored adult readers, she and Larry sponsored a Chinese family for citizenship, and Lorryne started and was president and fundraiser for the Moses Lake Literacy Council. Lorryne and Larry traveled extensively, including Australia, Mexico, Sweden, Canary Islands, Siberia, China, and Ireland, and but her favorite was Guatemala, where they helped deliver school books to mountain villages. Lorryne loved arts and world cultures. She enjoyed feeding the wild birds and growing flowers. She was a supportive friend and second mom to many.

Lorryne was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Larry. She is survived by her three children, Brian (Puyallup), Nancy (Ocean Shores) and Jeanne-Marie (Soap Lake), 6 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 3 nephews and a niece, her brother Bob Roberts, a cousin Jerry Abbie, and her two cats, Milo and Sophie. The family thanks Linda Estrada for her good care of Lorryne.

A memorial service will be held in the spring. Her urn was placed next to her husband's in the Columbarium at Guarding Angels Cemetery, 2595 Road L NE, Moses Lake.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Peterson Nursing scholarship at BBCC.

Cemetery Details

Guarding Angels Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

BS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Lorryne was my favorite sitter! She was so kind and funny. I know she was very patient with all the projects that I did with "Gigi". When I saw Lorryne she would remember when we washed the wood floors with a bucket of water, what fun I had! Lorryne was a wonderful lady.
Love, Becca and Ron Sawyer

Becca Sawyer - January 16, 2015 at 04:08 PM

 J.B.
Fletcher

“ Dear Lorryne:
Heaven is brightened by your smile and gentle nature. Thank-you for your warmth and welcome and especially for giving us our own "Gigi."
Love, The Fletcher's

To Lorryne's Dear Family:
We grieve with you while Heaven opens its gates to a very lovely lady.
Sincerely, Jack and JB

J.B. Fletcher - January 12, 2015 at 06:16 PM

NT

“ Lorryne was such a memorable woman! She was not afraid to wear a streak of pink or blue through her hair, you have to admire that kind of attitude! I loved to visit with her! She kindled my love of vintage purses. She was a great woman and her spirit will be missed.

Nancy Tracy - January 10, 2015 at 12:02 PM

KG

“ Lorryne will be missed. She was such a feisty, fun and giving person. Her quick wit, huge sense of humor and penchant for fun made her a joy to be around. Everything was up for discussion with a dose of attitude! I especially remember wine and women gatherings around her table. Laughing, chatting, telling stories and enjoying each other's company. She owned a well-practiced streak of defiance as well. When other's expected staid, she wore a streak of hot pink hair. That's how I will remember her best. Feisty and fun. She loved her friends, her family and her pets.

Kara Garrett - January 08, 2015 at 11:24 AM

HC

“ Dear Lorryne, I'm so sorry you are gone, but I'm so glad that you were here for your lifetime. I met you when you enrolled in my Spanish class that had been set up mainly to teach the airmen stationed in Moses Lake. We liked each other immediately. You were so talented, smart and funny. When I visited you, It was hard to leave because I just enjoyed being in your company. I'm sure your family is suffering for your loss.as I am. Thank you for caring for my pre-schooler, Becca. You were the only person I would have for her. (yes, the same Becca Sawyer who owns and operates Cascade Marina)

Good bye. dear friend., Harriett Clark

Harriett A Clark - January 08, 2015 at 08:58 AM