



Mariane L. Saunders

November 16, 1925 - May 28, 2012

Mariane Kristiane Larsen Saunders, 86, a lifelong resident of Grant County passed away Monday, May 28, 2012 at Columbia Crest Care Center. Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, June 1st and from 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., Saturday, June 2nd at Kayser's Chapel. Services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 2, 2012 at Kayser's Chapel with Dr. Paul Wagner officiating. Interment will follow at Pioneer Memorial Gardens. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake.

Mariane was born in Wilson Creek, WA on November 16, 1925 to Chris and Marie (Jensen) Larsen, the fifth of seven children. She graduated from Wilson Creek High School and Kelsey-Baird Business School in Spokane.

On August 20, 1951, she married Kenneth "Bud" Saunders and moved to the new house he had built for her on the Saunders family farm. She and Bud had been married for nearly 53 years when he passed away in 2004.

Mariane was a haven for many family members taking them into her home in times of need. A deeply creative woman, she enjoyed photography, sewing, knitting and reading. She loved to travel, visiting many states and countries in her lifetime.

In addition to farming all her life, Mariane was active in the community especially in the Cattle Women (formerly known as the Cow Belles) at the state and county level, serving several terms as state president.

Mariane is preceded in death by her husband Kenneth Saunders, her siblings: Lloyd Larsen, Tom Larsen, Evelyn Larsen Hansen, Mick Larsen, and Verna Larsen Johns.

Surviving family includes her son and daughter-in-law Steve Saunders and Julia Rodriguez, and her granddaughter Audrey Rodriguez Saunders of Campbell, California, her brother Chris Larsen of Spokane, WA, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Grant County Cattle Women Scholarship Fund, PO Box 68, Ephrata, WA 98823 -or- Columbia Basin Rodeo Association Scholarship Fund, PO Box 367, Moses Lake, WA 98837

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (PT)

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

Visitation

JUN 2. 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM (PT)

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Service

JUN 2. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



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February 24, 2013 at 11:53 PM



“ Our condolences to the Larsen & Saunders families. Vern has many! memories of the Larsen/Saunders families during the growing up years in Grant County, with 4-H activities, etc.##imported-begin##Vern & Pat Pederson##imported-end##

May 31, 2012 at 01:21 PM



“ Steve and family,
I am very sorry to hear about your mom. I have many fond memories of your whole family and growing up in Moses Lake. Hoping all is good in California.
Most Sincerely,
Geri##imported-begin##Geri S. Gilbert (Hara)##imported-end##

May 31, 2012 at 11:54 AM



“ Aunt Mariane was a very special aunt and great aunt. She will be greatly missed by all of us.
Darla, Mark, Joey and Emma##imported-begin##Darla Geno (Larsen) and family##imported-end##

May 30, 2012 at 11:34 PM



“ Steve, I so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She roomed with my Mom for a short time and allowed me to catch up with you. I enjoyed our visits and the time we spent looking back and remembering the old days. Your Mom was always so gracious and such a wonderful lady. She will be missed by many.

Again, my condolences.

Rich##imported-begin##Rich Swanson##imported-end##

May 29, 2012 at 10:03 PM



“ Hi Steve,

Sorry to hear about your loss.

Maria##imported-begin##Maria##imported-end##

May 29, 2012 at 06:46 PM



“ Mariane was my aunt, and I always appreciated the active, positive role she played in my life. I miss Bud, and I will miss her too.

Brian Larsen##imported-begin##Brian Larsen##imported-end##

May 29, 2012 at 06:08 PM