



## Marilyn Jean Buntten

August 24, 1931 - July 5, 2008

Marilyn Jean Buntten, 76, longtime Moses Lake resident, passed away on Saturday, July 5, 2008, at Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Marilyn Jean Buntten was born August 24, 1931 in Paxton II. She graduated in 1949 from Paxton High School. In 1956 she married the love of her life, Richard Buntten. Richard and Marilyn with their two children Linda and Larry were the typical military family moving from base to base. From 1967 to 1969 she lived in Leiston England at Bentwaters Air force base then to England Air Force base in Louisiana and on to Travis Air force base in California. In 1971 she and her family moved to Moses Lake where they built their family home out in Mae Valley.

She loved living in Mae Valley and raised cattle for many years. Marilyn had extreme love and compassion for animals of all kinds. Dr. Chamberlain often referred to her as the witch doctor of Mae Valley. She was well known for her home remedies. There wasn't an animal she wouldn't nurse to health that didn't live until they passed of old age. One of her most famous pets was Ooch the 2500 lb steer she nursed from a sickly calf.

Marilyn had many friends and neighbors she held close to her heart. She always had an open ear and shoulder to cry on with her kind and wise words to offer. She had a strong faith in her Lord and Savior and knew with his guidance everything would be all right.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her father, W. Reuben Shilts, her mother, Lydia Pufahl, and her husband, Richard Bunten.

Marilyn is survived by her daughter, Linda Tracy and granddaughter Devon Tracy of San Francisco CA, her son Larry Bunten (spouse Brandi and daughter Addy Elketami). Brothers; Ron Pufahl Aurora II, Alan Pufahl Concord Ca, Bill Pufahl Crescent City IL, Reuben Shilts Paxton II, Steve Shilts Sagebrook II, and Jimmy Shilts Paxton II.

A memorial service will be held Thursday July 17 12:00 noon at Emmanuel Baptist Church 516 E Nelson Road Moses Lake Washington with Pastor Gene White officiating. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Marilyn's name to the Moses Lake Grant County Humane Society 6725 Randolph Rd Moses Lake, WA 98837.

Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel and Crematory. Please leave a note for the family or sign the guest book at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 17. 12:00 PM (PT)

Emmanuel Baptist Church  
516 E. Nelson Rd.  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Larry & Linda, I just found out about your mom. I am so very sorry for your loss. She was very, very special & I will miss her. I don't know if you remember me, but my husband and I lived accross the road for a few years before we moved back to oregon. She was one of those people you're lucky to have as a friend. Take care, Kim Todd###imported-begin###Kim Todd###imported-end###

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“ I really enjoyed knowing Marilyn..she was always so sweet and appreciated everything I did for her..what a lovely lady..it was a pleasure knowing her.###imported-begin###Theresa McGhuey###imported-end###

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“ Marilyn and Dick were our neighbors in Mae Valley. When Dick passed away, Marilyn was "lost". The consoling part of her passing away, is that she is now with her beloved husband, Dick. Marilyn had such a love for animals, especially her cow "ooch"(sp?). He was raised in the Buntens garage, and truly, was treated as one of the family. Marilyn adored her children, and was extremely proud of them. Our thoughts and prayers go to her family. Cathy & Paul Kersey###imported-begin###Cathy and Paul Kersey###imported-end###

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“ I worked with Marilyn @ Motel 6 when it first opened, what a fine woman and example she was for me!##imported-begin##Mary Davis##imported-end##

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