



## Marsha Ann Koba

December 4, 1950 - March 20, 2014

Longtime Soap Lake resident and Ephrata pharmacist, Marsha A. Koba, passed away March 20, 2014 at Central Washington Hospital. She was born December 4, 1950 in Moses Lake, Washington to Frank and Miyo Koba. She was raised in Moses Lake and graduated from Moses Lake High School in 1969. Marsha earned a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from Washington State University in 1974 and went to work for Jack Potter at Potter Drug in Othello, Washington. Shortly after that, she moved to the Potter Drug in Ephrata and stayed there until the store's closure. Most recently, she was employed by Rite Aid. During her forty years as a pharmacist, Marsha enjoyed getting to know her customers and taking care of them. She made long lasting friendships through her work which she dearly loved. Her favorite pastimes were cooking for her many friends and co-workers and shopping. Marsha is survived by her mother, Miyo Koba of Moses Lake; brothers Rick (Kathy) Koba of Moses Lake and Doug (Jeanne) Koba of Phoenix, AZ; nieces Kalin (Joel) Armstrong of Spokane and Alexa Koba of Phoenix; and nephew Taylor Koba of Phoenix. She was preceded in death by her father, Frank Koba. Marsha will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Please join the family for a graveside service on March 29, 2014 at 11:00 at Pioneer Memorial Gardens. There will be a reception following. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the National Kidney Foundation at 131 Steuart Street Suite 425, San Francisco, CA 94105 or to the charity of your choice.



# Cemetery Details

## Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne  
Moses Lake, WA

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (PT)

Pioneer Memorial Gardens  
14403 Road 2 N.E.  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ Thinking of your loss and what a wonderful person Marsha was to me and my family. Rick, don't know if you remember me, but we used to work together at that Office Supply place. I was the tech. Sorry for your loss.



Robert Herron - December 15, 2014 at 08:26 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Marsha passing. I worked with her in the early 80's at Potter's Drug when I was in high school. I remember how smart, witty, and kind she always was. She was always so beautifully dressed and put together. My condolences to her family.

Lilli (Rheaume) Blaylock - May 11, 2014 at 08:29 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Marsha was a wonderful person. A great pharmacist and a wonderful plus to the community. Julie Ishibashi

Julie - April 07, 2014 at 05:10 PM



“ Rick, Kathy, and Family: We are so sorry to hear of your loss. What a special person Marsha was to have touched so many lives in a positive way. May you be comforted by knowing we will see our loved ones again. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Smokey and Patty Kisler

Patricia - March 31, 2014 at 12:58 PM

IA

“ I have had the pleasure of knowing her since my first son was born 29 years ago I will miss her dearly RIP Marsha God gain a great beautiful angel prayers to the family

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**irma alfaro** - March 31, 2014 at 01:21 AM

LH

“ As a Nurse at QCHC, I talked to Marsha at least once a day. She was amazing person and I loved talking to her. She always made me laugh. I will really miss her. Lee Hadley

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**Lee Hadley** - March 29, 2014 at 05:53 PM

LL

“ Miyo, We're truly sorry for your loss. We still remember Marsha as a lovely little girl, a real part of the 'Frank's' clan and only wish we'd known her as an adult, when, like the rest of the Kobas she obviously was a wonderful person. Leroy and Lois Ledeboer

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**Leroy Ledeboer** - March 29, 2014 at 10:00 AM

DR

“ When my parents moved to Ephrata in the early 70s, I remember seeing Marsha at Potter's Drug. She was so beautiful. I couldn't believe she could flit around in high heels and very pretty dresses, getting work done while she laughed and chatted with everyone. Her makeup was flawless and her hair flipped up on the ends. I had no idea we attended WSU at the same time! I've appreciated her over the last 40 years, as we both "grew up." She's helped me with my babies (now grown). Even late last fall Marsha helped me survive another sinus infection. I will miss her very much.

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**Diane Reid** - March 28, 2014 at 09:30 PM

GC

“ Over the 40 years that I've known Marsha, her unique free spirit has always brought humor and joy into my life. Our entire team will greatly miss Marsha. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marsh's family in your time of sorrow.

*Gale & Vickie Campbell*



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**GGale & VVickie CCampbell** - March 28, 2014 at 08:39 PM

YC

“ extending deep sympathy to you and your family's , we will miss her smiling face , here in Ephrata. Fond memory's we'll always have of Marsha.

*John & Yvonne Cabe*

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**yvonne cabe** - March 28, 2014 at 05:27 PM

BH

“ Dear Miyo and Family, We are so sorry to hear of Marsha's passing. Our thoughts and heartfelt sympathy are with you.

*Lyle and Barbara Hicks*

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**Barbara Hicks** - March 28, 2014 at 11:51 AM

JP

“ Marsha will always be known to me through her work as a protector of life, a sweet mentor to so many, and my personal sunshine, she could put a smile on my face any day just with her own smile. You will be missed, as heaven gets another perfect angel we let go of a perfect person rest Marsha we will meet again :)

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**Jean Pederson** - March 28, 2014 at 09:58 AM

HH

“ I never have never known anyone like her.. The very definition of strength, determination, and endurance. She was most definitely one-of-a-kind and there just are no words to say what a huge hole her absence will make- she was one of the most generous people I have ever met, and she was the glue that made all of us at work into a family- dearly loved-even when she made us crazy, pinched us, drank our drinks, TMI'd us, ran us in 15 different directions at once, swore us to secrecy over shopping trips, and fed us til we had to wear our 'fat pants'. She was friend, co-conspirator, teacher, boss, and pharmacy whirl wind.. Loved her tons and will miss her more than I can say..

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**Heather Hector** - March 27, 2014 at 08:10 PM

PA

“ My husband and I lived across the street from Marsha for 26 years. She was the first person we met when we moved to Soap Lake. We also enjoyed Marsha's love of cooking. My Husband was one of the few that her dogs would let in her yard. She was a great friend and will be missed. I'm sure Dale greeted you and is giving you a bad time as usual. Thought's and prayers are with your family.

*Bernice Frisbie and family ( Pam, Vic, Debbi and Wendy)*

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**Pam Arnold** - March 27, 2014 at 05:13 PM

SR

“ Mrs. Koba, Rick, and Doug..I am Sorry for our loss of Marsha...She was a good person, I remember many talks when she was my pharmacist in Ephrata..She will be missed by many.....Thoughtfully....Scott Ruffin...

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**Scott Ruffin** - March 27, 2014 at 09:39 AM

DT

“ *mrs koba and rick I am sorry for your loss*

darrell templeton - March 27, 2014 at 01:42 AM

CE

“ *I worked with Marsha many years ago at Potter's and loved every minute of it. She had such a great attitude and sense of humor - she made work a pleasure. One of the best people I've ever worked with. My condolences to her family and friends - she touched so many lives.*

Cheryl Essary - March 26, 2014 at 11:04 PM

DH

“ *Dennis And Margie Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Marsha Ann Koba*



Dennis and Margie Hamilton - March 26, 2014 at 07:58 PM

DR

“ *We knew Marsha well for many years and always were greeted with a warm smile and friendly remark. We will miss her very much. Don & Dianne Recknagel*

Don Recknagel - March 26, 2014 at 06:31 PM

GB

“ To the family of Marsha Koba- Our sincere sympathy for the loss of your daughter and sister. We were there at Potter Drug when you first came to work as a pharmacist. You had just graduated from the University and we were blessed to have you. A tall woman with a flashy smile and a determined look. You will be missed.  
Georgia Bassuer and Ellen Fenimore

Georgia Bassuer - March 26, 2014 at 10:57 AM

LM

“ Lynn Mackey lit a candle in memory of Marsha Ann Koba



Lynn Mackey - March 26, 2014 at 10:06 AM

LM

Marsha was a wonderful person and she will be missed by many. I have great memories of the times we spent together many years ago.

Lynn Mackey - March 26, 2014 at 10:11 AM

KJ

“ Marsha was always the "go to" person for information and direction through the labyrinth of the land of Pharma. Her kindness and compassion were sunshine to many people. I never got to taste her famous food but she lightened the day every time I got to visit a bit.

I wish you peace and comfort on your journey and condolences to your family.

Kathy Jess

Kathy Jess - March 26, 2014 at 08:50 AM

M(

“ Marsha,  
You already are so greatly missed, I remb working with you when u worked at potters and you and dad( William Wallace )  
Would butt heads over the silliest things but I remb the most the early morning coffee gab fest we all head every morning before the store opened you and Ellen f and Betty o and Meryl and Donna and Jeanette mom and me oh how we would laugh and laugh I have the best memories of the gab fests and all the memories we all had at potters.  
Love you Marsha  
Shelle Wallace

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**michelle(shelle) van heusden (wallace)** - March 26, 2014 at 03:07 AM

AY

“ I am sorry for the loss of your wonderful daughter and sister. My love to you all. Ann Yamane

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**Ann Yamane** - March 25, 2014 at 10:34 PM

PA

“ Rich & Peny Archer



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**Peny Archer** - March 25, 2014 at 10:15 PM

RP

“ *Dave, Randie & Kaylee Ponozzo*



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**Randie Ponozzo** - March 25, 2014 at 05:39 PM

HH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Heather Hector** - March 25, 2014 at 11:48 AM

RJ

“ *Miyo and Rick, so sorry to learn of you loss of Marsha. Marsha was a great person, she will be missed by many. Bo Trask Jr.*

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**Robert M Trask Jr.** - March 25, 2014 at 10:32 AM

RS

“ *We have known Marsha for many years. She was one of the most friendly and helpful person we have ever met. We will miss her, Roger & Melissa Simmons*



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**Roger & Melissa Simmons** - March 24, 2014 at 07:33 PM

TK

“ So sad to hear this. Marsha has always been a wonderful person in many ways. She will be greatly missed.



Trudy Kellams - March 24, 2014 at 03:42 PM



“ Linda Sherwood lit a candle in memory of Marsha Ann Koba



Linda Sherwood - March 24, 2014 at 08:21 AM

KB

“ Kimberly Barnes-Segura lit a candle in memory of Marsha Ann Koba



Kimberly Barnes-Segura - March 24, 2014 at 12:58 AM

KB

*I have known Marsha for a very long time, well since my mom moved us up here in 1971. Marsha watched me grow up and she watched my boys grow up as well, She is a wonderful lady and she will be missed very much. I feel like a part of my family has passed away. R.I.P. Marsha you will be missed immensely by those who got to know you and by your family May God give your family the strength to go on.*

Kimberly Barnes-Segura - March 24, 2014 at 01:13 AM

RO

“ *Marsha, what a tough gal, smart, kind, good cook and funny. Marsha has touch so many lives in our small town she will be missed greatly. My sympathy to her family at Rite-Aid, Brother and Mother. In the days of Potter Drug, Geesye's and Ephrata Drug you could find her delivering food along that block. Carla Chamberlin said at one time that Howard would starve if it wasn't for Marsha's delivery service.* ”

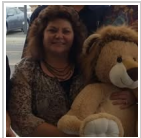


Roberta - March 23, 2014 at 10:38 PM



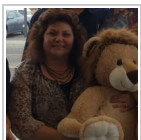
“ *Prayers to Marsha's family..She will be greatly missed.* ”

Audra Chornuk - March 23, 2014 at 09:54 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear this! Marsha was always so nice and caring when she helped me at Rite Aid and Potter Drug! She really will be missed by so many! RIP Marsha* ”

Pam Judkins - March 23, 2014 at 09:09 PM



“ *Pam Judkins lit a candle in memory of Marsha Ann Koba* ”



Pam Judkins - March 23, 2014 at 09:06 PM

BS

“ *Marsha made Ephrata a better place. She will be missed.* ”

Barry Schmidt - March 23, 2014 at 07:37 PM



“ *Tracy Barker lit a candle in memory of Marsha Ann Koba*



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**Tracy Barker** - March 23, 2014 at 07:11 PM

FM

“ *Frank & Debbie Maggard lit a candle in memory of Marsha Ann Koba*



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**Frank & Debbie Maggard** - March 23, 2014 at 06:23 PM

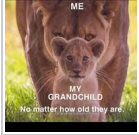
SB

“ *God has you in His Arms, Marsha. We have you in our memories. Rest in peace and comfort. You are missed.*



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**Shelley Baer** - March 23, 2014 at 05:19 PM



“ I first worked with Marsha in High School, then moved away. When we moved back I worked with there again, I worked some of the time in the pharm and Marsha was awesome helping me to learn my tasks. I was happy to call her friend...May God be with all.



*Lindee Gulliford Kaiser*

**Lindee Kaiser** - March 23, 2014 at 03:22 PM

BC

“ I em so bless to have meet you and work with you! Thank you for all the talks we use to have. And guiding me into the right path in life. I'm so going to miss you a lot.

**Bryan Castro** - March 23, 2014 at 03:10 PM

KM

“ Kerry Moser lit a candle in memory of Marsha Ann Koba



**Kerry Moser** - March 23, 2014 at 01:32 PM

KM

*You will truly be missed Marsha. Thank goodness I kept the owwie bandaid you signed for my flu shot. Rest in peace.*

**Kerry Moser** - March 23, 2014 at 01:33 PM



*she was a very kind woman dedicated and will be missed*

**John Williams** - March 23, 2014 at 02:24 PM

MN

*My dad was a relief pharmacist for Potter Drug, and he always enjoyed working with Marsha, especially when she would have cooked up some great meal to share with others. People would look around when they heard me say, "Hi, Marsha." and she would say, 'Hi, Marsha". Now it's time to say goodbye, Marsha. You will definitely be missed! Marsha Neihart*

marsha neihart - March 25, 2014 at 06:12 PM

RH

*“ I do not have a memory of Marsha, I have thousands. I will miss her so much.*



Robert J. Herron - March 23, 2014 at 01:21 PM

EL

*“ Erica Lesko lit a candle in memory of Marsha Ann Koba*



Erica Lesko - March 23, 2014 at 12:21 PM

 Lisa Hector

*“ I cant even begin to describe how we at Riteaid are feeling right now. She was our mother, sister, friend and so much more than our pharmacist. We loved her so much! Our wonderful "Cruella" was her nickname.....She kept us in line, made us laugh, and loved to torture us.....I don't even know how to go on with out her.... We love you Marsha!!*

Lisa Hector - March 23, 2014 at 12:16 PM

Lisa  
Hector

“ Lisa Hector lit a candle in memory of Marsha Ann Koba



Lisa Hector - March 23, 2014 at 12:12 PM

JS

“ I also spent time working with Marsh at Potter Drug and have continued to enjoy her friendship throughout the years since. She was a wonderful woman with a kind, caring way about her. She was smart, a good cook and will be missed by all who knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family.

Julie Saunders - March 23, 2014 at 11:58 AM

JS

“ Julie Saunders lit a candle in memory of Marsha Ann Koba



Julie Saunders - March 23, 2014 at 11:54 AM

LH

“ I can't even begin to describe the emptiness and loss we feel at Riteaid. She was so much more than our pharmacist. She was our mother, sister, best friend! I loved her so! We will miss you terribly "Cruella". We love you!

Lisa Hector - March 23, 2014 at 11:48 AM

JW

“ I am in shock. Marsha has been my pharm. of choice for the last 18 years. Ther was no pharm who I trusted more Marsha. My prayers go out to both her families. Her mom and the rest of that family, and her rite aid family. May god walk with all of you while time and his support ease your pain. I love you Marsha. Enjoy the fast greatness of heaven. We will miss you down here.

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**jerry white** - March 23, 2014 at 11:26 AM

MA

“ I have known Marsha since I was a little girl. She was always so kind and helpful. She will be missed.

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**Mary** - March 23, 2014 at 11:24 AM

MH

“ Marsha was my favorite pharmacist. She was always friendly and helpful.

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**Mary Heston** - March 23, 2014 at 09:58 AM

CB

“ I worked with Marsha for many years at Potter Drug and Rite Aid. What an awesome lady. So full of love and compassion and knowledge. I'm going to miss you my friend. My deepest sympathy to the family.

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**Cheryl Bodi** - March 23, 2014 at 09:48 AM

JA

“ I have known the Koba's since I was a little girl. Her smiling face was always a pleasure. She will be missed.



Janice - March 23, 2014 at 08:54 AM

EB

“ My heart is aching, I can't believe it's true. My prayers for the family and so many friends, I can't think of a single person who worked or came into Potter Drug or Rite Aid that she didn't know..... She will be sooo missed.



Edna K Boryk - March 23, 2014 at 08:34 AM

CR

“ Cathy Ruff lit a candle in memory of Marsha Ann Koba



Cathy Ruff - March 23, 2014 at 02:19 AM

CR

“ My condolences to the Koba family. Marsha was a great daughter, sister & aunt. There were but a few who hadn't crossed her path in Ephrata. She was so helpful & knowledgable as our hometown Pharmacist. She rocked those eyebrows and had a great sense of humor! May you rest in peace Marsha - your pop is waiting for you with open arms.

*Cathy Ruff - Ephrata*

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**Cathy Ruff** - March 23, 2014 at 02:19 AM

PA

“ I worked with her for several years at Potter Drug. She was so intelligent, thoughtful and and a great friend. She was always bringing food to work. She made a terrific eggplant dish, but that goeduck was just not my favorite. My deepest sympathy to your family.

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**Patty Herron Ackley** - March 23, 2014 at 12:46 AM

BE

“ Thank you for being such a wonderfully positive example for so many years! This makes me sad. We will miss you!

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**Beth** - March 23, 2014 at 12:25 AM

JD

*So, so sad. Our deepest sympathy to Marsha's family and her Rite Aid family. Marsha has been our Pharmacist since day one at Potter Drug and Rite Aid. Marsha always brightened our day. We trusted her professional service and her friendship. She was an incredible positive force that made a difference in the lives of all that knew her. She will be sorely missed.*

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**Jim & Lennie Davis** - March 28, 2014 at 05:37 PM