



## Tammy Marie Johnson

January 28, 1964 - August 26, 2021

Tammy Marie (Bruketta) Johnson passed away Thursday, August 26 at her home in Moses Lake, after a courageous year and a half battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family. Tammy was born to Willa Lou Bruketta on January 28, 1964, in Yakima, WA. She attended elementary school in Ellensburg. She moved to Moses Lake when her mother took a job as an x-ray technician there. She attended Chief Moses Jr. High and graduated from Moses Lake High School in 1982. After high school, she attended Big Bend Community College. She graduated in 1985 with an associate degree in Arts & Sciences. Shortly after graduation, she met the love of her life, Randy Johnson. They were married on June 10, 1989. Over the years, she worked at Lake Auto Parts, Larsen, Tracy & Ries Law Office, South Campus Athletic Club, Berry's Fashion & Gifts, Pioneer Dental Center, and Horizon Credit Union. After leaving the credit union, she decided she would like to update her degree and went back to BBCC, earning an Accounting Tech degree. She then went to work at Million Air in Moses Lake as office manager. She left there and was hired in 2018 as the District Secretary for Grant County Fire District #5, where she worked until her passing.

Tammy loved camping and being in the outdoors. She enjoyed doing craft projects and needlepoint. She liked to play golf, and even though she or Randy either one was very good at it, she always enjoyed telling people about these two fairly spectacular shots she had made, even though she would also

admit that they were both mostly luck. Over the years, she amassed an extensive collection of Cherished Teddy figurines, which she loved displaying all over the house. She loved her Seattle Mariners and her cats—despite being allergic to them...minor detail. In her school days, she was “Mother Hen” to her close friends, and they were her “Chickadees”. It made her so happy that she was able to reconnect with several of those Chickadees in recent weeks. Tammy was definitely a people person. She would always look for the good in people, even though it was difficult in some cases. That positive attitude always prevailed.

Tammy was a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha for 35 years. She loved her ESA sisters, and the charitable work she got to do. She held several state offices in her time with ESA, including treasurer for several years. In 2009, she was elected state president. She enjoyed the meetings and conventions that allowed her to travel all over the state, and even more, the lifelong friends she made in ESA.

To know Tammy was to love her. The room seemed to light up when she walked in. Without fail, the first thing people remember about Tammy is her infectious laugh, and her constant, beautiful smile. It was very common for someone to tell her “Oh, we knew you were here somewhere...we heard you laughing a while ago!” She also had the amazing ability to keep that smile, and her trademark positive attitude as her world started to crumble around her. When she found out that her condition was terminal, her focus immediately shifted to her friends and family. She wanted to make sure that everyone else was going to be OK when she was gone. She was more worried about the “burden” she thought she was putting on Randy and her friends and family than everything she was going through. She immediately started assigning certain Cherished Teddy figurines and jewelry items to people that they reminded her of. She wanted to make sure they had something to remember her by. She obviously did not realize that she was probably the most unforgettable person that these people had ever known. And still, that smile...even as her body was giving out on her, and she was

becoming weaker and more frail, there was always that smile and her amazing positive attitude through it all. Even in her last days, she would constantly reassure Randy and the friends and family that came to visit her that “everything is going to be OK”.

Tammy is survived by her loving husband Randy, Sisters-in-law Wendy Erickson and Darla Hubbard, her very special friend Daphne Thomas, who she considered a sister. Uncles Gaylord, and Tony Bruketta, Uncle Dave Rupert, Aunts Margaret Campbell, Joellen Stradley, Barb Rupert and Cindy Tamez. She also leaves behind several cousins, including Deanne Cunningham, who she was very close with, and her husband John. She is also survived by her very special niece and nephew, Audrey Solomon and Cameron Hubbard. She loved them both very much.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, her mother, Willa Lou Bruketta, Randy’s parents Vern and Charlotte Johnson, who absolutely adored her, her Uncles Dale Campbell and Bill Bruketta, and brother-in-law Johnny Johnson. A memorial service will be held at the Moses Lake Presbyterian Church, 1142 W. Ivy Street at 2:00 pm on Friday, September 10. Refreshments will be served following the service. It was Tammy’s wish that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her name to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, or the Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation in Moses Lake. Our sweet, sweet, beautiful angel has finally gotten her wings. She and her mom will have some catching up to do...

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **10**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church  
1142 W. Ivy  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ You were the best cousin anyone could of ever asked for! I always had so much fun when Grandma B would take me to visit you and Aunt Lulu in Moses! I always remember telling her to speed up so we could get there faster. I will always love you and will always remember our times with Great Grandma Binnie and Grandma B ❤️



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Deann Cunningham - September 10, 2021 at 05:43 PM

SM

“ Awe will miss your sweet, fun, laughing soul ❤️



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Sherry Murray - September 10, 2021 at 12:43 AM

SM

“ Sherry Murray lit a candle in memory of Tammy Marie Johnson



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Sherry Murray - September 10, 2021 at 12:01 AM

SJ

“ Sue Jones lit a candle in memory of Tammy Marie Johnson



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**Sue Jones** - September 07, 2021 at 03:45 PM

DH

“ Denise Hancock lit a candle in memory of Tammy Marie Johnson



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**Denise Hancock** - September 03, 2021 at 01:54 PM

MA

“ Randy,

*I am so sorry to hear about Tammy. I will cherish the last time I saw you 2 in Sporty's a few years back. She was so nice and made you feel like you have known her for years.*

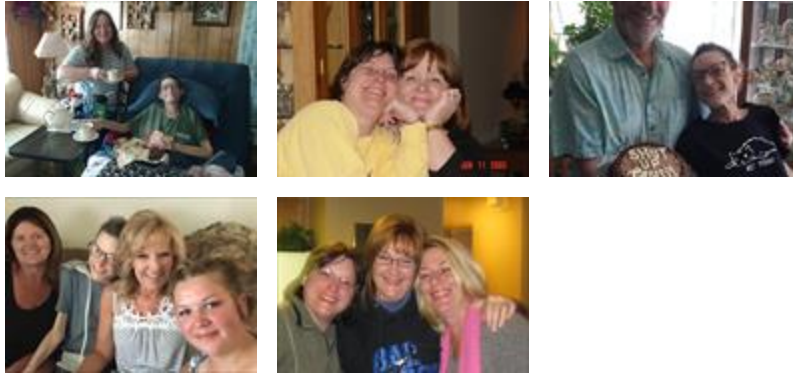
*Michael Albrandt*

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**Michael Albrandt** - September 03, 2021 at 12:35 PM

RJ

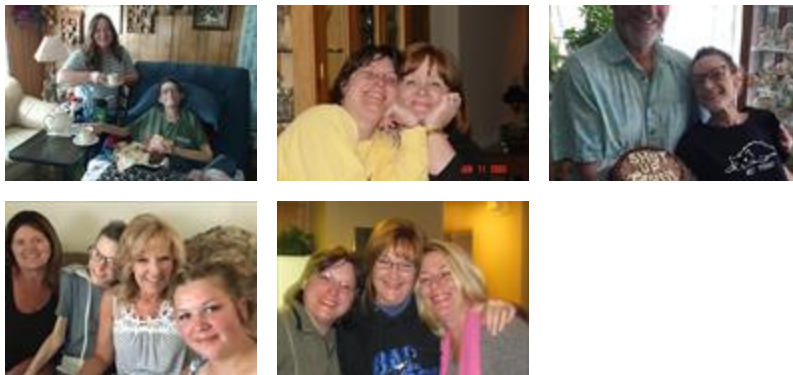
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Randy Johnson - September 02, 2021 at 07:39 PM

RJ

“ 18 files added to the album *Tammy Johnson*



Randy Johnson - September 02, 2021 at 07:33 PM

AB

“ *Alice Turcotte Brooks lit a candle in memory of Tammy Marie Johnson*



Alice Turcotte Brooks - September 02, 2021 at 07:09 PM

AB

“ Sweet sweet Tammy! It was a pleasure knowing you and all the laughs we had in High School will never be forgotten! RIP my sweet friend!

Alice Turcotte Brooks - September 02, 2021 at 07:08 PM

GD

“ Truly sorry for your loss, Tammy was an unforgettable lady. I truly loved her laugh and definitely she could light up a room with her personality. Rest In Peace Tammy your pain is over and you can be renewed in Christ or lord Jesus Christ 🙏

Greg& Donna DeBeaumont - September 02, 2021 at 06:29 PM

GD

“ Greg& Donna DeBeaumont lit a candle in memory of Tammy Marie Johnson



Greg& Donna DeBeaumont - September 02, 2021 at 06:24 PM

CF

“ For Randy & Family,

*All of us here at Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation were so very sorry to hear that Tammy has passed away.....she fought her battle with such courage and determination! Cancer is such a dreadful disease, so I hope it is some comfort to you that she is at peace now, and doesn't have to struggle or suffer anymore. I know you all miss her deeply. We are keeping you in our thoughts & prayers!*

*Jean Copley  
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**Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation** - September 02, 2021 at 06:12 PM

MC

“ Michael Chase lit a candle in memory of  
Tammy Marie Johnson



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**Michael Chase** - September 02, 2021 at 02:43 PM

MA

“ Marina lit a candle in memory of Tammy Marie Johnson



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**Marina** - September 01, 2021 at 11:02 PM

RS

“ Randall R lit a candle in memory of Tammy Marie Johnson



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**Randall Stewart** - September 01, 2021 at 06:34 PM

EO

“ Emily Oronia lit a candle in memory of Tammy Marie Johnson



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**Emily Oronia** - September 01, 2021 at 04:02 PM

LP

“ Randy, I have fond memories of Tammy and her laugh and the time with Willa Lou and my mom. She will so be missed. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**LeAnne K. Parton** - September 01, 2021 at 12:44 PM

RV

“ To know Tammy really was to love her. I am fortunate I got you go to school with her for so many years, her smile was infectious and it always came with a slight tilt of the head which was so adorable.

Rich victor - September 01, 2021 at 09:47 AM

RV

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Rich victor - September 01, 2021 at 09:43 AM

DH

“ Darolyn Hauff lit a candle in memory of Tammy Marie Johnson



Darolyn Hauff - September 01, 2021 at 01:23 AM

MH

“ Tammy was full of sass, courageous, smart, funny as hell and her attitude...LOL..I will miss the most! She was a Beautiful Unique Wonderful Lady and I will never forget her. Cheers my old Friend, do not rest in peace, party like a rock star, raise hell and show them how it's done! xoxoxo

Maranda Hartzell - August 31, 2021 at 09:49 PM

JH

“ Tammy we were blessed to know you! We have had many fun times together with you and Randy and your laugh and smile were always a part of that! Don't worry about Randy, he has a lot of support and will be with all of us for as long as he needs and wants us! RIP beautiful lady, you were so loved and I will miss our annual get together and special conversations. Love you.



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**Joey Hansen** - August 31, 2021 at 09:39 PM

JS

“ Joy Smith lit a candle in memory of Tammy Marie Johnson



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**Joy Smith** - August 31, 2021 at 05:47 PM

CT

“ Tammy had an infectious laugh, an inspiring love for life, and such an enjoyable personality. My heart breaks with your in the passing of this vibrant friend.

*Chris Rosborough Tucker*

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**chris tucker** - August 31, 2021 at 05:21 PM

WS

“ Wendy S. lit a candle in memory of Tammy Marie Johnson



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Wendy S. - August 31, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ Such a beautiful soul! She will truly be missed by so many. May you rest in peace my dear friend. My deepest condolences to all that loved her & especially Randy, Wendy & Daphne.



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Kelly Oscarson - August 31, 2021 at 03:40 PM