



Vivian "Lori" Vela

June 24, 1940 - June 17, 2015

Vivian Loretta "Lori" Vela, 74, Moses Lake resident passed away on June 17, 2015 at Samaritan Hospital, surrounded by her family. Viewing will be held from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., Monday, June 22, 2015 at Kayser's Chapel followed by funeral services at 11 a.m. Interment will be 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.

Lori was born June 24, 1940 in Wardell, Missouri to Oliver (O.W.) and Osa (Willard) Gilliam. She was the 8th child of 12; Edward (Shorty), Dub, Billie, Pat, Earl, Barb, Albert, Lori, Rose, Alvin, Nita, and Sue.

On September 30, 1987, Lori married Greg Vela. Together they shared 9 children; Lori's four sons and two daughters, Gary (Becky) Nolan of Sebeka, Minnesota, David (Tammy) Gillespie of Portland, Oregon, Melinda of Moses Lake, Washington, Will Gillespie of Underwood, North Dakota, Pam Gillespie of Staples, Minnesota, and John (Deb) Gillespie of Newark, Ohio and Greg's three sons, Gary (Tichi) Vela, Joseph (Teresa) Vela, and Armando Vela all of Moses Lake, Washington. They now have 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Lori, at 4'9" was still bigger than life. She enjoyed baseball (Go Braves!), fishing, bowling, and vacations back home to see her family. She collected angels and owls and loved her wish books and crosswords, but most of all she enjoyed spending her day at home with Greg.

Lori is preceded in death by her parents Oliver and Osa Gilliam; brothers Earl,

Dub, Alvin (Buddy), Edward (Shorty), and Albert; and sisters Barb Snay and Rose Gilliam. She is survived by her husband Greg, 77; her four sons and two daughters; three step-sons; four sisters, 18 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and cousins. She will always and forever be loved and missed by all who knew her.

Cemetery Details

Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 22. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (PT)

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

Service

JUN 22. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

MN

“ *Lori was a very nice lady I never forgot her so sad to hear of her passing* ”

Marta Robledo Noyola - October 01, 2015 at 12:55 AM

SL

“ *Sue Lantz lit a candle in memory of Vivian "Lori" Vela* ”



Sue Lantz - June 24, 2015 at 10:09 AM

TC

“ *My deepest sympathy during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.* ”

Teresa Cerna

Teresa Cerna - June 20, 2015 at 03:40 PM

DG

“ *Prayers for everyone! Another angel has recieved her wings! David and De Ann Gilliam* ”

David and De Ann Gilliam - June 19, 2015 at 09:21 AM

DG

“ *David And De Ann Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Vivian "Lori" Vela*



David and De Ann Gilliam - June 19, 2015 at 09:20 AM

BF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone who knew and loved her. With our deepest sympathies for your loss. Ben Butler and Family*



Ben Butler and Family - June 19, 2015 at 09:15 AM



“ *Michelle Sheridan lit a candle in memory of Vivian "Lori" Vela*



Michelle Sheridan - June 19, 2015 at 08:42 AM