



Carolyn Dee Ward

August 4, 1953 - July 10, 2025

Carolyn Ward of Winthrop passed away July 10, 2025, at the age of 71. She was born in Alice, Texas on August 4th, 1953, to Verlan and Bertie McMeans. She graduated from Winthrop High School in 1971 and shortly after married Jerry Ward on August 14th, 1971, at her family home. Carolyn was a cherished wife, mother, daughter, grandmother, sister and friend.

She dedicated her life to creating a warm and loving home for her family. She found joy in family gatherings, movies, trips to Disneyland, and anything Historical. She was known for her love of Christmas. Every year she turned her home into a winter wonderland displaying the North Pole Village, themed Christmas trees, nativity scenes, snow globes and hundreds of Santa's.

Carolyn's roots run deep in the Valley, some may remember her boardwalk store Carolyn's Cards and Candles or seeing her behind the cash register at the Winthrop Red Apple. Her impact was significant, and her absence will be deeply felt by everyone.

Carolyn is survived by her daughter Tara, son-in-law Bart, daughter Tina, son Todd, three grandchildren Taylor (Sam), Bart Jr., Ruthann (Carter) ; two great grandson's Amos and Henry, and two sisters. Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years Jerry, her parents, and her brother.

In accordance with Carolyn's wishes, there will be no formal service, a private family gathering will be held. River Valley Funeral & Cremation of Okanogan are caring for her arrangements