



## Debra Day

October 21, 1956 - July 1, 2022

Debra Day, 65, of Yakima, Washington, passed away on July 2nd, 2022 after a hard fought battle with gastric cancer. Debra (Debi) was born on October, 21st, 1956 to Philip Grunlose and Kay (Hutchings) Grunlose in Nespelem, Washington.

Debi was known for her beadwork and was a perfectionist when it came to her sewing projects. She would win blue ribbons for her “Best in Show” projects and enjoyed doing her sewing demonstrations at the fair. She had her Starbucks cup collection, and enjoyed watching Nascar and the Seattle Seahawks. Debi was adventurous, she loved the mountains, going hunting, picking berries, hiking, water skiing, and boating. She was knowledgeable on any given topic and could mechanic anything herself, she loved her car collection. Debi also loved to entertain and host family dinners as often as possible. When she wasn't at home spoiling her cat Lockett, she loved to take a road trip down to California. She loved all those that she worked with at the Yakama Nation Housing Authority, as well as all those that she met at bazaars and on the powwow trail selling beadwork.

She was a fighter and we take comfort in knowing Debi is now at peace. The family wishes to extend a special thanks to Dr. Lin and the dedicated staff of Virginia Mason as well as her cousins who helped her with her fight, Dale Ebi and Mark Miller.

Debi is survived by her partner, Serge Perez, her nieces and nephews, Toshina Sam, Jaissa Grunlose, Kirstie Grunlose, Kaylynn Grunlose, Phillip Flett, & Brandon Goebel. She was also a second mother to Angie Day. Debi is also survived by her sisters, Dianna Grunlose & Cheryl Grunlose; brothers, Philip Grunlose & Greg Grunlose (and his wife Candace Grunlose) and mother, Kay Grunlose. Preceding her in death was her father, Phil Grunlose.

The dressing will be at the River Valley Funeral & Cremation in Okanogan, Washington on Wednesday, July 6th at 4pm. Following the body will be taken to the Omak Longhouse for the Rosary and overnight services. Thursday morning Mass is at 9am, burial in Kartar with dinner following at the Omak Longhouse.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Debra Day*

October 23, 2023 at 01:06 AM



“ *Raeschelle lit a candle in memory of Debra Day*



**Raeschelle** - July 11, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ *Manuela Spencer lit a candle in memory of Debra Day*



**Manuela Spencer** - July 07, 2022 at 06:24 PM

JA

“ My heart felt condolences to Debi's family. I knew Debi for a short time, since Feb. 19, 2020, when I was hired by YNHA as Grant Writer. Debi was one of the first staff that I met, she was very friendly and had a beautiful smile. Her heart was full of light. Over the next two years she became a friend and we chatted and joked around, but more importantly she was a consummate accounting professional as a grant writer there were times I needed finance/budget documents and she never failed to provide me what I needed. I will miss Debi and I know that she is now "con Dios, y los angels en el reino eterno" Debi you were the best. Juan Aguilar

Juan J Aguilar - July 07, 2022 at 04:33 PM

ZA

“ My condolences goes out to the family, she was a wonderful co worker that I loved and enjoyed working with. I was lucky enough to have just bought a few earrings she had made before she passed she was so talented when it came to bead work, those will definitely be cherished.

Zandi - July 07, 2022 at 03:58 PM

PH

“ Phylistine lit a candle in memory of Debra Day



Phylistine - July 07, 2022 at 03:56 PM

SU

“ Susan lit a candle in memory of Debra Day



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Susan - July 07, 2022 at 03:49 PM

PS

“ Patti Smith lit a candle in memory of Debra Day



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Patti Smith - July 07, 2022 at 03:46 PM

DN

“ David Northover lit a candle in memory of Debra Day



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David Northover - July 07, 2022 at 03:46 PM

AJ

“ My condolences to the family. I pray for her friends, family, and loved ones to continue to celebrate her life, and that everyone finds comfort, strength, and protection in our Lord Jesus Christ. For the time I saw, she was a very hard and dedicated worker. I know YNHA appreciated her...

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Anthony George Jr. - July 07, 2022 at 03:42 PM

BE

“ *Beatrice lit a candle in memory of Debra Day*



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**beatrice** - July 07, 2022 at 03:35 PM

AS

“ *Antonia Stevens lit a candle in memory of Debra Day*



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**Antonia Stevens** - July 07, 2022 at 03:32 PM

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*My Sincerest Condolences to the family, her morning greeting smile will be very much missed here at YNHA, may she be at eternal peace, much love to family*

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**Antonia Stevens** - July 07, 2022 at 03:34 PM