



Dolores Lucille Jenkin

July 13, 1940 - December 13, 2023

Dolores Lucille Jenkin, 83, of Omak WA passed away quietly early in the morning on December 13, 2023 in the comfort of her home with her husband by her side and surrounded by family and friends in the days preceding her death. Born July 13, 1940 to Samuel and Helen (Neff) Rench, she was the youngest of 4 children. Dolores was born in Wallace, Idaho since that was the nearest hospital to the mining town of Burke, Idaho where the family resided. They moved to California due to her poor health when Dolores was young, but made their way back to Washington, and finally to Omak in 1945.

Dolores started school in 1946 in the old 2 year school in East Omak, then later attended the main campus in the Stevens Building. She loved music and started in the grade school band in the 5th grade. She continued throughout school with band, chorus, and girls glee club until graduating with the music award given by Myron (Smitty) Smith. She was also the girls' single player on the tennis team, and qualified for state by placing second in district competition.

After graduating high school, she attended college for one semester, but disliked that and returned to Omak. She got a job as a clerk at the IGA in Omak working for Gene Henry until marrying Gary Jenkin in November of 1966. After that she followed Gary in his professional career to South Tacoma where their son, Eric Jenkin was born in 1968 and then to Renton where their daughter, Nevada Jenkin was born in 1970. She and her family later moved to Cheney, Moses Lake, Ephrata, and finally Brewster, where they settled for 21

years and both children graduated from high school.

Dolores retired from being a clerk and pharmacy technician working with Gary in 1989. She enjoyed the outdoors, and loved spending time with family and friends camping, hunting, fishing, riding horses, and square dancing.

After being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1993 she remained active, and when Gary retired in 2002 they lived and traveled in their motorhome for 10 years. They settled in Coulee Dam, and eventually moved back to Omak in April of 2023.

She was preceded in death by her parents Samuel Rench and Helen Rench Manning, and her brothers Cecil Rench and Donald Rench.

She is survived by her husband Gary Jenkin, son Eric (Stacey) Jenkin, daughter Nevada (Warner) Whybark, grandson Ryan (Katy) Jenkin, granddaughters Kyley Jenkin and Brianna Whybark, and great-grandson Kein Jenkin. Also survived by her sister Nevada Harris, her children Steve (Sharon) Harris and Karen (Bill) Fancher, plus their children and grandchildren. Additional survivors include sister-in-law Sharon Rench McCormick and her children Deanna (Craig) Harris, Gary (Tammy) Rench and Susan (Jim) Pickett and nephews Cecil (Deb) Rench and Dennis (Sharon) Rench, and niece Terrie Hill. Also many grand-nephews and grand-nieces.

There will be a graveside service at the Okanogan City (Municipal) Cemetery, 114 Cemetery Road in Okanogan WA on Friday, December 22nd at 2 PM. Following the funeral, there will be a gathering for family and friends to share memories, food, and beverages at the Masonic Lodge, 234 Tyee Street, Okanogan WA. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the MS Society or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Okanogan City Cemetery
114 Cemetery Road
Okanogan, WA 98840

Tribute Wall

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“ Well, I am overwhelming sad at Delores’s passing. She was my neighbor in our Renton days and we were instant friends when we met, and that has lasted for 50 plus years. Even though we both moved over the country numerous times, we still remained steadfast friends. She mostly took on that nasty MS like she did everything in life-head down and plowing through. She was honorable, loyal, kind, generous and could crack me up with her sense of humor. My dear, sweet Delores you will be sorely missed. R.I.P. my dear friend.

*Friends forever,
Lottie Lorraine Luse*

Lottie Lorraine Luse - December 22, 2023 at 08:26 AM

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