



Leda Voy Harlan

December 21, 1934 - January 13, 2023

Leda Harlan of Okanogan passed away January 13, 2023 at Apple Springs Senior living in Omak. She was 88 years old.

Leda was born in Fulton County, Indiana on December 21, 1934 to Henry and Lulu Voy (Bailey) Simpson. She was the 11th of 12 children. Leda's father Henry moved the family to Omak, Washington in 1945. After graduating from Omak High School in 1952, Leda married Jerry Dyke of Elkins, Arkansas and they moved to Thousand Oaks, California, joining Jerry's brother in a water well drilling business. In 1961 the couple moved with their 3 sons born during their time in California, back to Madison County, Arkansas. Two more sons were born to Jerry and Leda after they moved back to Arkansas. During those years Leda worked for the Huntsville School District driving a school bus, and as a sales clerk for Sears in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Leda and Jerry were divorced in 1972 and Leda moved back to Omak, Washington with her two youngest sons. She married her second husband, Wilbert Harlan that same year.

Leda was a very independent minded woman, and she pursued many different types of opportunities during her working years. She worked at Rawson's as a retail clerk, for the US Forest Service in the Funk Mountain fire lookout in Conconully, in the Leacher Mountain fire lookout in Twisp, and for Yoke's Market in Okanogan. Perhaps wanting to spice things up a little bit,

Leda went on to work at sea on a fishing tender out of Seattle that traveled to Alaska. She also worked on two processors as a bookkeeper and as a cook on Alaskan Coastal freighters. Well, working at sea on commercial fishing boats is hard work, and in 1994 Leda decided it was time to return to solid ground and came back to Okanogan. She spent the rest of her working years at Mid..Valley Hospital as a dietary aid and dietary cook, retiring from there in 2006.

L.eda was a member of Community Presbyterian Church, and actively involved in the Eagles and T.O.P.S. International. She enjoyed photography, reading, cooking, traveling, bowling and horseback riding in her younger years.

Leda was preceded in death by her parents Henry and Lulu Voy Simpson; her infant siblings, Stanley, Dorothy and Gerald; brothers Richard, Neal, Ronald and Dean Simpson; sisters, Shirley Barkman, Elizabeth Fay and Nelda Wilcox, and both of her husbands, Jerry Dyke and Wilbert Harlan. Leda leaves behind her beloved sons, James A. (Terri) Dyke of Arkansas, David B. (Sylvia) Dyke of Nevada, Michael L. (Shelly) Dyke of Idaho, Douglas A. (Terry) Dyke of Arkansas, and Matthew H. (Mary) Dyke of Florida; 6 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; sister Barbara F. Davidson of Olympia, Washington; numerous nieces and nephews including niece Myrna Simpson of Disautel.

Leda will be cremated at her request. A memorial service will be held 11:00 A.M. Friday, April 14th 2023
River Valley Funeral Home, Okanogan, WA

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **14**. 11:00 AM (PT)

River Valley Funeral & Cremation
P.O Box 949
Okanogan, WA 98840

Tribute Wall



“ *Leda Voy Harlan*

October 23, 2023 at 01:06 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Grandma Leda*



River Valley Funeral - April 13, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *63 files added to the album Life Tributes*



River Valley Funeral & Cremation - April 11, 2023 at 04:27 PM

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“ I have picked up the phone so many times to call you and want to share a recipe or a moment with you. You have always welcomed me with a listening ear and I appreciated all of our conversations and your encouragement for me to be strong as a mother and a wife. You understood what it was like to have and raise so many boys! You are missed. I love you Grandma!



Esther Dunbar - March 29, 2023 at 01:03 AM

MA

“ Were so sorry for your loss. I am so glad we made the trip to Okanagan in October so that the sister's had time to visit and remember their childhood. Your mom was a strong and loving woman and will be missed love Wayne and Marsha



Marsha - January 23, 2023 at 07:39 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album *Grandma Leda*



Darren Dyke - January 19, 2023 at 08:48 PM

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“ *I will always admire Leda's strength and tenacity for life. It was an honor to know her*

Derina Phillips - January 19, 2023 at 08:28 PM