



## Verdie Alene Yarnell

April 4, 1937 - August 22, 2023

Verdie Alene Yarnell, 86, A long time resident of the Okanogan Valley, passed away on Aug. 22, 2023 in Spokane. Verdie was born April 4, 1937 to George and Ethel Gilmer in Munday, TX. The youngest of 8 children, she moved with her family several times, finally landing in Okanogan in 1947. She went through the Okanogan School system and soon after, met Neal Yarnell while working at the packing shed. They married on May 8, 1959. Verdie and Neal raised two children, Jeff and Janice on an apple orchard just south of Okanogan. Verdie was a loving, devoted mother and enjoyed being home to raise her children. She kept a beautifully decorated home, filled with flowers, and enjoyed art as a past time.

She loved being active in her children's interests, including sports. She worshipped at Riverside Lighthouse Chapel, where she enjoyed singing, fellowship, and made many friends there over the years. Her spry and witty humor was appreciated, alongside her husband, particularly as members of the Friendly OK, and Corvair Car Clubs. They enjoyed traveling in their motorhome to regional car shows, their Corvair in tow.

She was preceded in death by her husband Neal, daughter Jan, her four brothers, Olan, Alvin, Garland, Roger, and three sisters, Mamie, Zula, and Ruth. Verdie is survived by her son Jeff (Spokane), grandsons Chris (Chelsea) Ewer, Jesse Moyer, great grandchildren Scarlet and Livey Ewer (Wenatchee),

and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at River Valley Funeral, 2547 Elmway, Okanogan, Friday, Sept 8, from 6 – 8 pm.

A Graveside service will be held Saturday, Sept 9, at 11 am, at the Tonasket Cemetery, 702 Hwy 7.

All are invited after service to a celebration of life light luncheon at the Riverside Lighthouse Chapel, 102 Tower Rd, just off Hwy 97 following the graveside service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

River Valley Funeral  
2547 ELMWAY  
OKANOGAN, 98840-9629

## Graveside Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Tonasket City Cemetery  
702 Highway 7  
Tonasket, WA 98855

## Reception

SEP 9. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM.

Riverside Lighthouse Church

# Tribute Wall



“ *Verdie Alene Yarnell*

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October 23, 2023 at 01:06 AM