



Carmen Keene

September 15, 1941 - February 8, 2010

Carmen P. Keene of Toppenish passed away at her home on Monday February 8, 2010. Carmen was born in Winnemucca, NV on September 15, 1941 to John and Earlene (Kelly) Leech. Carmen was raised and educated in Nebraska, moved to California with her family where Carmen graduated from Brea Olinda High School and Fullerton Junior College. Carmen then attended San Diego State University.

On August 6, 1966 Carmen married Lloyd Keene in Prosser. Two months later they moved to Toppenish and Carmen went to work for the Toppenish School District as a secretary. Carmen went on to be a stay at home mother to her daughters Nichole and Tricia and operated a day care until they started school. Carmen began volunteering for the school district and was instrumental in establishing libraries at Garfield and Lincoln elementary schools. Carmen was hired back as a para-pro and retired in 2005 after 27 years, most all of that time at Garfield Elementary. Carmen enjoyed spending time with her family, shopping with her daughters, working in her yard, traveling, quilting, scrapbooking, visiting wineries and fishing.

Carmen is survived by her husband of 43 years, Lloyd of Toppenish; two daughters and son-in-laws, Nichole (Chris) Baker of Bothell and Tricia (Norman) Dillard of Cle Elum; four grandchildren, Morgan, Michael, Rowan, and Bailey; one brother, John Leech of Eldorado, Hills, CA; three nieces Heather, Michelle, and Erin; and good friend and cousin Sharon Travis of Prosser. Her parents preceded Carmen in death.

Friends may send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Memorial Hospice 2811 Tieton Drive, Yakima, WA 98902. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. A celebration of Carmen's life will be held on Friday February 26th from 4 to 7 p.m. at Olsen Estates Winery in Prosser, WA.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carmen Keene*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Aunt Carmen:*

I have known you all of my life, I just didn't get to spend much one on one time with you. I do regret that.

Still, I do have fond memories of you and Lloyd and all the laughing.. I will remember you and miss you but know you are in a better place.

Your Niece Erin##imported-begin##Erin Kamalian##imported-end##

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“ *I will remember Carmen as a devoted mother and co-worker...one with a quick smile that could light up an entire room!*

I have wonderful, warm memories of our years working together.

She took time to listen and cheer you....who could forget that contagious laugh! Peace my friend.##imported-begin##Judy Hall##imported-end##

February 16, 2010 at 09:22 PM



“ *Carmen:*

It has been quite a life.. From California to Nebraska, back to California, then Oregon with many stops in between, and finally Washington. You found some real happiness with Lloyd and I am so happy for you.

Now your journey is complete, but during that journey you touched the lives of your friends everywhere. They all remember you by that giggle and your laugh.

With sorrow, I will say goodbye. With comfort I know you are at peace.

You will be remembered.

Your brother John.##imported-begin##John Leech##imported-end##

February 13, 2010 at 11:33 AM



“ *My deepest condolences for your familys loss. Carmen will be missed by the many that she has helped over the years.##imported-begin##Lisa Stephens Emerick##imported-end##*

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