



## Janice Jacobson

May 19, 1944 - December 20, 2022

In loving memory of Janice K. (Benedictson) Jacobson. She was born on May 19, 1944. She was an enrolled Yakama Tribal Member and very involved in her tribal heritage. She left us on December 20, 2022. She is preceded by her late husband John Jacobson who passed away on December 20, 2021, after 44 years of marriage. Also, by her parents Barney and Blanche Benedictson. Her survivors are her brother Barney (Marlene) Benedictson, brother Gene (Julie) Benedictson, daughter Kristina Landis, also her daughter Heather (Landis) (Kevin) Redinger, son Paul Jacobson (Kerri), and Demetrius Cook. She also has 8 grandchildren. David (Ansley) Redinger, Avajeane Redinger, Eric (Jenni) Graham, D'Sean Graham, Rachel Johnson, Tyra Cook, Patrick Jacobson, Rose Jacobson, and Josh Jacobson, and great grandchildren as well. She worked for many years at Yakima Forest Products before retiring. In her years of retirement, she was involved with the autistic community, she went to Olympia and met with Governor Jay Inslee and received an award for getting a bill passed. In most recent years she organized a benefit fund raiser for the volunteer firefighters in Harrah and raised several hundred dollars for their support. She made many friends with her giving and loving personality. She will be truly missed and never forgotten. A memorial will be held later.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Janice Jacobson*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Jan became one of my greatest friends. I admired this tiny womens huge spirit and even greater love. I will miss our conversation. We never did get to have our lunch with our Tri-city buddy 😔.*

*my friend. You are with your love and free of any heart ache or body aches. The angels are celebrating. We here will be lonely for you but we know you are in joy 💖.*



Leila Vigil - December 29, 2022 at 08:31 AM

RJ

“ Rest easy Jan, you lead such a beautiful life. You touched my hearts on our reservation in many walks, but you did them with respect and love.



The terrible floods, Myrna, Dora, Genevieve, you and I so many moved into the Toppenish Community Center as we provided shelter and meals for the many families. It was in the middle of the night, Myrna came and told me we are opening up the TCC, I grabbed me meds, sweaters, jackets, and blankets to share, never left until it was cleaned and vacant. It was hard tiresome work, but the thankful meals as we broke bread, made it worth it. The first night, there was probably right of us, fill up carts, line them up. Paper goods, diapers, formula, bottles, cough syrup, Tylenol, food, adult diapers, personal items, brushes, rubber bands, if there was a need for it, it was in the carts. We got big bags of candy and sandwich bags, made treat bags. Had children go on detail to gather garbage, and they did that twice daily and got a treat bags. It was heartbreaking. Elders did not to leave their homes, in the end they were more comfortable and we knew they were taken care of. My son gave up his TV and movies, shared so we had a little theatre area. My late husband and my son were out sandbagging, came in to eat and hit it again.

But it was the laughter as we worked together in the kitchen preparing meals. I remember someone said I have never had so much fun peeling potatoes like here!

We were each to take care of our people, we did that together. My best memory that I shared with Sister Jan.

Rest in peace in those glorious halls of gold, your husband is waiting to greet you.



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Regina Jerry - December 27, 2022 at 11:07 PM

BO

“ *Bernice Owens lit a candle in memory of Janice Jacobson*



Bernice Owens - December 27, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ *Shasta Watlamet lit a candle in memory of Janice Jacobson*



Shasta Watlamet - December 27, 2022 at 02:10 PM

MW

“ *RIP Jan. I will remember our times in the log office and the memories you shared about the beginning of YFP. Till we meet again. ❤️🌹🌹*

Mary Wahpat - December 27, 2022 at 02:04 PM

EW

“ *Dear Jan. I gave you this Princess Native ponie in Rememerance on how you were a true soul of Beauty and Kindness. You loved my son Luciano Tyrese dearly when we came into YFP office and he always carried out a gift from you. Rest easy now and have peace with all the love ones your with especially your husband ❤️🙏*



Evelyn Eyle Wilson - December 27, 2022 at 12:32 PM

RO

“ Jan... I remember working at IHS years ago with you when you were at YN Contract Care.. and when your hubby was in MVA in rural Waps, was a scary time as we drove past accident.. RIP and enjoy your time being reunited with loved ones. 🙏💕💕

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**Rosebud** - December 26, 2022 at 11:10 PM

CK

“ I will remember Jan as a tireless supporter of Yakama Forest Products. She was one of the first employees for the startup company in 1996. She quickly moved from the log yard into office management where she helped shape the future and success of YFP. She handled office management, payroll and human resources for many years until her retirement. I owe her a lifetime of gratitude for her advice, support and mentoring me on the customs, traditions and politics of the Yakama Nation.

*Rest in Peace,  
Chris Ketcham*

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**Chris Ketcham** - December 26, 2022 at 08:21 PM