



## Joanne D (Elwell) Hunt

September 21, 1945 - May 15, 2017

Joanne D. (Elwell) Hunt (71) of Toppenish passed away on May 15, 2017 in Yakima. Joanne was born in Yakima to George and Julianne (Shaarnute) Elwell on September 21, 1945. She was an enrolled member of the Yakama Nation where she was raised and educated. She enjoyed beadwork, sewing and going to the casino. Joanne worked for the Yakama Nation and Puyallup Tribal Police departments as a dispatcher and later as a cage supervisor and gaming agent at Legends Casino. She is survived by three daughters, Varinia Hunt, Venus Tasymp and Velvetta Hunt; two sons, Vern and Harrison Hunt; the childrens father, Virgil J. Hunt Jr.; 19 grandchildren and six great grandchildren; her aunt and uncle, Wanda and Andrew Elwell Jr.; seven brothers, Maurice, Galen, West, Forrest, Joe, Merle and George Jay Sunny Elwell; three sisters, Suzie Sutterlict, Karen and Jolene Elwell; her good friends, Terry Lewis, Lucy LaClair and Mercedes Redhorn and numerous nieces and nephews. Joanne was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Goliah Elwell Sr.; four sisters, Carol and Genita Elwell, Leanita Meninick and Anita Hunt Totus Walsey.

Dressing services were held at 2PM on Tuesday May 16, 2017 at the Toppenish Creek Longhouse in White Swan with overnight services following at 7PM. Sunrise services will be at the Toppenish Creek Cemetery on Wednesday. Friends can send condolences at [www.toppenishfunerals.com](http://www.toppenishfunerals.com). Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



# Cemetery Details

## **Toppenish Creek Cemetery**

White Swan, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joanne D (Elwell) Hunt*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Debra lit a candle in memory of Joanne D (Elwell) Hunt*



**Debra** - May 17, 2017 at 02:30 PM



*Prayers and condolences to the family. She always had a kind word and a smile when I greeted her.*

**Debra** - May 17, 2017 at 02:31 PM



“ *Condolences from Winona and Reuben Bending. Winona has a lot of good memories of her time with Joan and her family. Winona wished her health was doing better right now so it would be easier to move around.*

**Reuben Bending** - May 17, 2017 at 01:18 PM



“ *Your kindness will always be remembered and I will truly miss you.  
ida jo and family*



**idajo pinkham-maltos** - May 17, 2017 at 11:16 AM

MB

“ My condolences go out to the family, I am sorry for your loss. While working at the IHS clinic I always enjoyed providing health care services to Joanne. She was always a pleasure to work with.

*Mike Ball*

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**Mike Ball** - May 17, 2017 at 11:11 AM

DJ

“ Farewell my dear sister. We strayed far from each other but we were happy to see each other when we did. Will miss seeing you at the casino. Will always remember our stories n our laughs together. You are in a better place, no suffering n pain. I send hugs n prayers for your family during this trying time. You were all such a close family. Prayers.



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**Deanna Jim-Juarez,** - May 16, 2017 at 11:47 PM