



## Lareesa Lynn Whalawitsa

March 24, 1962 - December 3, 2020

Lareesa Lynn Whalawitsa (58) of Nespalem passed away on Thursday December 3, 2020 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane. Lareesa was born on March 24, 1962 in Yakima. She was raised and educated in Coulee Dam. Lareesa was an enrolled member of the Yakama Nation and worked for the Colville Tribal Police Department as a dispatcher for 31 years. She was most recently an assistant cook for the Senior Meal site in Nespalem. She enjoyed traveling, going to pow wows and taking care of her niece, Caroline. She is survived by her brother, Lewis Jr. of Yakima; two sisters, Cheryl and Deanna (Darrell) Beeson both of Nespalem; two nieces, Devon and Caroline and two nephews, Brett and Loudon. Lareesa was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Delores (Tahkeal) Whalawitsa Sr. Graveside services were held at Yemowat Cemetery west of Union Gap on Saturday December 5, 2020 at 11AM. Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Yemowat Cemetery

4801-5213 McCullough Rd  
Yakima, WA 98903

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lareesa Lynn Whalawitsa*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *From pow wows in Post Falls Idaho, to the ones in Spokane I always meet up with Lareesa and her sisters. We had a wonderful time together, and in high school LRHS. I will always cherish these memories 💖 Love you Reesie RIH.*

**Vicki E Lassey** - December 11, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ *My life is better for having Lareesa as a friend from 1995 or 1996 when we met in a dispatcher class (I believe in Seattle or near there). Lareesa and I have remained long distance friends since then when we were baby Dispatchers! Lareesa and I used to write to each other actual letters like pen pals before social media and Facebook made it a lot easier. Last Spring when I sent out a request of all my FB friends to send birthday cards to my 84 year old mother because we were in full lock down and couldn't celebrate, Lareesa sent her a beautiful card and a dream catcher. She is so thoughtful and my Mumsies loved it and has it hanging in her home. It breaks my heart that she is gone! I will forever cherish our friendship. Rest in Heavenly Peace my friend. I will miss our conversations! - Jackie Jones*



**Jackie Jones** - December 07, 2020 at 08:59 AM



“ *My dear friend Lareesa, may you rest peacefully.*

**monte heggie** - December 05, 2020 at 12:49 PM

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“ *Shasta Olney Watlamet lit a candle in memory of Lareesa Lynn Whalawitsa*



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**Shasta Olney Watlamet** - December 05, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lareesa Lynn Whalawitsa.*



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December 04, 2020 at 06:02 PM

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“ *Elaine Snowder lit a candle in memory of Lareesa Lynn Whalawitsa*



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**Elaine Snowder** - December 04, 2020 at 05:31 PM

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*She was a great friend we lost touch of each other, RIP Lareesa*

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**Elaine Snowder** - December 04, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections* was purchased for the family of Lareesa Lynn Whalawitsa.



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December 04, 2020 at 02:03 PM