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Loretta Jean Bryan, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on October 19, 2025, at the age of 82, surrounded by love and care in Grandview, Washington.

Born on March 26, 1943, in Prosser, Washington, Loretta was the daughter of Orval and Wilda (Harriman) Larsen. She was raised in Everson, Washington, where her deep-rooted compassion and nurturing spirit began to blossom.

She married the love of her life, Russell Bryan, and together they built a home filled with warmth, laughter, and unwavering devotion. Their marriage was a partnership grounded in faith, family, and love.

A nurse by profession and by nature, Loretta earned her nursing degree and spent her career caring for others with quiet strength and deep empathy.

Whether tending to patients, comforting a sick grandchild, or bottle-feeding an orphan lamb, she offered the same gentle care and unwavering attention. Her love for all life—human and animal alike—was a defining part of who she was.

Loretta's creativity and warmth filled every corner of her home. She was a gifted painter, a lover of music who played the accordion with joy, and a talented cook who never let anyone leave her house empty-handed. Her kitchen was a place of comfort, where full plates and full hearts went hand in hand. She loved canning, sewing, and spending time in the garden with her grandchildren, picking raspberries and making jam—just one of many sweet

memories she leaves behind.

She also cared deeply for her own mother until her passing, continuing a lifelong pattern of selflessness and service. Loretta's love was quiet but fierce, expressed through acts of kindness, a listening ear, and the steady presence of someone who always showed up when it mattered most.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents, Orval and Wilda Larsen. She is survived by her husband of many decades, Russell Bryan; her children Shamera (Troy), Shane, and Shawn (Carrie); her sister Barbara Beard; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and countless others whose lives she touched.

Loretta is now reunited with Jesus and in the presence of God, free from pain and surrounded by eternal peace and love. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who were blessed to know her.

A tea party in honor of Loretta Jean will take place on November 22, 2025, at 1:00pm at Valley Estates clubhouse, 1818 S. 70th Ave., Yakima, WA 98908.

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“ My dearest friend forever. Friends, over 80 years. My “ sister, from another mother”, as they say. That was Loretta and I.

One of the most talented, beautiful, kind, caring person ever.

We shared great times, fun times as teenagers, yes, we had a life once keds. LOL. Hard times, we were always there for each other, when I was sick with whooping cough she dropped off homemade chicken soup at the door, even though she had a million things to do.

If my grandkids called and the line was busy, they'd say, you were talking to Loretta weren't you, and laugh. Ask what we talked about and I told them, I hope you have a friend like mine, as long as I, you can talk forever.

I will miss her and her wisdom everyday.

She feared what was ahead for her family when she first had symptoms of dementia, and tried so hard, maybe to hard, to keep it together to spare them.

God chose the time for her before her dignity was forever gone.

When I visited, she would smile and say, it's you, oh it's you.

How's my hair? lol Beautiful, I told her.

I, as others, are greater people for the pleasure of having known Loretta in our lives.

Love and miss you, my bestes friend ever. See you on the other side and I'll bring my phone. ❤️

Russ, Shamera, Shane, Shawn, and family's, may her ❤️ love for all of you and memories help at this time.

Love Jerry and Carol and family

Carol Johnson - October 24, 2025 at 02:45 PM