



## Marianna Powers

January 12, 1956 - April 7, 2018

### Marianna Babich-Powers

It is with great sadness that the family of Marianna (Babich) Powers announce her unexpected passing in a single car accident April 6th, 2018. Born and raised in the Yakima Valley, Marianna (Mary) was the eldest of John & Anita (deceased) Babich's five children.

In her youth Marianna was active in the valley 4-H program where she participated in the annual Dress Revue, Toppenish Jr. Livestock Show, Yakima & Grandview Fairs and numerous community service programs. Ever the artistic one, she was often called upon to put this talent to use in decorating parade floats and crafting fair displays during her time in 4-H.

Marianna was an avid seamstress and an extraordinary cook, skills she learned from her mother Anita. In her later years she shared these valuable talents with many young people through the Harrah 4-H program. Not one to waste a thing she was known to craft men's ties and blue jeans into quilts for friends and family. Most recently she teamed up with her son James to open the Farmhouse Café in Harrah, WA. where she was known to whip up a tasty coleslaw and a scrumptious cinnamon roll.

Marianna was a voracious reader and could devour a book in a sitting and recall years later the minute details of the book. She loved all things feline and shared her home with husband Tom and four kitties; a cat might be considered to have won the lottery if it crossed paths with Marianna. After double knee replacement Marianna discovered the joy and exuberance of

Zumba dancing and could be found at the local gym or Zumba class even after spending all day at work.

As Postmistress of the Harrah Post Office she met and befriended many and was always ready to lend a hand and an ear. Smart, witty and succinct she could be counted on to call it as she saw it. She enjoyed sharing and posting on Facebook, cats figuring prominently along with other articles that expressed her thoughts and feelings.

She is survived by her husband Tom, son James (Rose) Mills, father John Babich, sisters Cecile Babich Morrow and Janine Babich, brothers John Babich and Mark Babich. Daughters-in-law Kimberly Smith (Phillip), Stephanie Long (Daniel), Michelle Powers. Granddaughter-Shealynn Mills & Step-Granddaughter- Zanora Ramirez

A celebration of Marianna's life will be held at 1PM on Saturday, April 21st at Harrah Grace Brethren Church 3701 Harrah Rd. Harrah, WA 98933. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to your local Humane Society. Friends can send condolences at [www.toppenishfunerals.com](http://www.toppenishfunerals.com). Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 21. 1:00 PM (PT)

Grace Brethern  
3701 Harrah Road  
Harrah, WA 98933

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marianna Powers*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *My thoughts are with the Babich's. I've known Dr. Babich for many years and he is like a younger brother to me. So sorry for your loss John. May you find comfort in your many memories of your beloved sister Marianna.*

**Greg** - April 19, 2018 at 08:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marianna Powers .*



April 19, 2018 at 02:30 PM



“ *Prayers & condolences for the family, may she rest in peace.*

**Sherry Hoon** - April 18, 2018 at 01:38 PM



“ *Holt Brewer and family. purchased the Country B asket Blooms for the family of Marianna Powers .*



**Holt Brewer and family.** - April 16, 2018 at 12:45 PM

PN

“ *My parents were good friends with the Babich's and we always loved going to their home to visit! Marianna was always so fun to be with .. So sorry for your loss. Our family will always have good memories.. Patti Brewer Nelson.*



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**Patti A Nelson** - April 15, 2018 at 09:17 PM

DS

“ Dear Babich Family;

*I've read that there is usually a teacher in everyone's life, who they always remember. Mr. Babich was that teacher for me. I was Ag Shop Assistant in my senior year - working for Mr. Babich in his 1st and 2nd period class. During this time I was also on-my-own, having been kicked out of my house during the summer of 1975, I finished high school, while working at Kelly Oil (local truck stop) for 54 hours per week and maintaining my own apartment, cooking, and laundry. Much of the support I did receive during my senior year was from Mr. Babich. Mr. Babich would allow me to go to the library to get caught up on any lagging school work. In my opinion I would have quit high school if not for the one teacher who supported me - Mr. Babich. He treated me like a person and even though I tried to get by he wouldn't allow me to become a slacker. He held me to a standard that I respected from him and he expected from me - even knowing my situation. He didn't go easy on me and I believe that helped me survive.*

*I remember one time, my oldest sister, my oldest brother, my next oldest brother and I picking pears in Mr. Babich's orchard.*

*It wasn't just Mr. Babich though, Marianne supported me as well. My brother and her were boyfriend and girlfriend and she never treated me as that bothersome younger brother of her boyfriend. She always talked to me and treated me as a person. Even when they broke up and into my late twenties she was a friend I spent some time with and occasionally had chats with. She never looked down her nose at me - ever - even when I was down in life.*

*Marianne was an important part of my early years and I'll never forget her.*

*Even though it has been years since I've talked with her, I'll miss her.*

*I'm very sorry for your loss.*

*Respectfully;*

*Derwin "Kirby" Stanton*

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**Derwin Stanton** - April 15, 2018 at 10:39 AM

KC

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Marianna. I remember with great fondness the time spent out at the Babich home and orchard. Especially the one time I was supposed to watch all of us while our parents went to the dinner in Wapato. We won't go into that. Let's just say 3 boys vs 2 girls. Anyway, I am sure she will be greatly missed by her whole family and friends. Prayers sent. Kathy Potter Covert*

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**Kathy Covert** - April 14, 2018 at 04:00 PM

JD

“ *Jeni Doolin lit a candle in memory of Marianna Powers*



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**Jeni Doolin** - April 13, 2018 at 02:34 PM

JD

*so very for your loss*

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**Jeni Doolin** - April 13, 2018 at 02:35 PM

BM

“ We met at Zumba, she would dance behind me, she was such a blessing to be around and she was such a great friend, she will be missed in class but it's dancing in heaven, my condolences to he family, she was well loved by everyone who was blessed to was like in her path, I will miss you Marianna, until we meet again

Becky Mears - April 12, 2018 at 11:47 PM

SM

“ I knew Marianna from the Harrah post office. What a wonderful person; always kind and generous. I work at Labbeemint and she was always so helpful...I may have only known her through a few conversations but she made a lasting impression. I'm truly sorry for your loss, she will definitely be missed by many. We all send condolences and prayers.

Sandie Mortensen - April 11, 2018 at 11:38 PM

LF

“ I was so shocked to hear this. I know her from Zumba, we always stood next to each other in class. We loved talking about the Seahawks. She will be missed in class. My heart goes out to her family. Thoughts and Prayers to all of you.. So sorry for your loss. I know that she is dancing away in heaven. God Bless

LINDA FORTIER - April 10, 2018 at 06:35 PM

J(

Prayers to the family, so very sorry for your loss!

jamie thiesfeld (Stagner) - April 11, 2018 at 10:39 PM

EM

Prayers to the Family.  
She was a Great Person and so very knowledgeable.

Erma Mull - April 12, 2018 at 02:04 AM

JH

*Maryanne was a dear friend....we were class mates and also roomates back in the early "80's...she will be greatly missed..my condolences to the family.*

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**Janice L Holdreith** - April 12, 2018 at 07:46 PM

CH

*Prayers & condolences to family & friends, may God bless Marianna!*

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**ChrisandSherryHoon** - April 13, 2018 at 03:12 PM