



# Carmen Harrison

August 10, 1941 – August 11, 2017

Carmen Harrison was born in Venus, Nebraska on August 10, 1941 to Kenneth "Bud" and Jessie Carnell. Her childhood was spent in Baker, Oregon where she was raised by her mother and step-father, Jessie and Jack Wellington, along with her siblings Juanita, Roy and Tom.

Carmen graduated from Baker High School and went on to attend McGee School of Beauty in Pendleton, Oregon. Carmen met her husband, Keith, in Baker while he was in the area working on the Brownlee and Oxbow dams. Keith and Carmen were married on September 22, 1962. Soon after they were wed, Keith and Carmen moved to Vancouver, Washington and later to Concord, California and began their family. Daughter Cheryl arrived in 1963 and son Brian arrived in 1965. In 1967, the family relocated to Vancouver, Washington. Carmen worked as a beautician and then went on to become a special education school bus driver for the Battle Ground School District until retiring due to health issues.

Keith and Carmen operated a custom haying and farming business for many years. Keith talks proudly of how Carmen could operate any piece of equipment they owned. Carmen always put family first and loved her family with all her heart. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She enjoyed family camping trips and boating. Carmen also enjoyed gardening, canning, baking and reading. Her favorite hobby became quilting, which she excelled at – and many of her family members are blessed to own one of her quilts.

Carmen passed peacefully at home on Friday, August 11th after a lengthy battle with Lupus. She is survived by her family; husband Keith; daughter Cheryl (Randy) and son Brian (Danae); as well as three grandchildren Brianna Boespflug, Ryan Boespflug and Joshua Harrison; great grandson Monty Schmitz; her brother Tom Wellington (Michelle) of Pendleton, Oregon; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 2:00 pm at Layne's Funeral Home, 16 NE Clark Ave., Battle Ground, WA, 98604. A celebration of life/potluck to follow – details to be provided at service.

The family would like to thank the Kaiser Hospice team for their care and support during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, contributions may be made to the Lupus Foundation in memory of Carmen Harrison.

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