



Barbara Shirley Ramsey

March 22, 1940 - November 20, 2017

Barbara Shirley Ramsey was born at home on March 22, 1940 in the small village of Cimila in South Wales, UK to Frederick and Ann Williams. She was the seventh of seven children. She was a very active child being involved in girl guides (girl scouts), Flossy Snow dance troop, swimming at the Noll pond, running in the hills on Wimberly Mountain. As she grew up, she enjoyed schools in Cimila and Neath. Barbara always wanted to travel, so she joined the Home Guard, and would travel during her summer encampments, but the most adventuresome thing she did was to leave her beloved Wales for a job in England where she met her future husband George. They were married on April 1, 1961 in Neath, South Wales, in an event that brought the whole town out to see the "Yanks", who had not been in Wales since WW II. Another highlight in her life was becoming an American citizen in 1966. She always said she was Welsh by birth and an American by choice. Barbara and George traveled with the Air Force throughout the US finally settling in Medical Lake, where they have lived for the past 40 years. Barbara loved working with children, the developmentally disadvantaged and the elderly, so when she was offered a position at Interlake School it was the perfect fit. Unfortunately, it was cut short by an injury. That gave her the opportunity to pursue another love, that of crafting, antiques and helping people so she opened her own shop, "Twice is Nice". Barbara's love of children was seen in her 21 years as a Girl Scout Leader, becoming the senior Leader in the Northwest Council. Her other loves were camping at Priest Lake, traveling in the motor home,

bowling, and most of all spending time with her family. She is survived by her husband of 56 years George; three daughters, Angela and Sandy (Stephen) of New Jersey, and Loretta (Terry) of Spokane Valley; seven wonderful grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One brother, Ronald, of South Wales and numerous nephews and nieces in both the US and South Wales. She was preceded in death by four sisters (Minnie, Gladys, Cassie and Valerie) and one brother Joe. She wanted to recognize the wonderful care given by the doctors, nurses and staff of the Rockwood Cancer Center and Horizon Hospice who made her final days so peaceful. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Cheney Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, November 29th at 2:00 pm, with a reception to follow at the family home.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ I have had the pleasure of knowing Barbara for nearly 57 years. I was best man at her and George's wedding. I remember Barbara as being fun loving, always with a quick smile. She was a great wife, mother, friend and person. I will miss her but I will take solace in knowing that she fully enjoyed her life. God bless your soul my friend.

Don Gates

Don Gates - November 27, 2017 at 12:35 PM

JL

“ Jean Lee lit a candle in memory of Barbara Shirley Ramsey



Jean lee - November 27, 2017 at 09:49 AM

BB

“ Beverley Bowen lit a candle in memory of Barbara Shirley Ramsey



Beverley Bowen - November 27, 2017 at 05:57 AM

CF

“ *Christine Casey & Family lit a candle in memory of Barbara Shirley Ramsey*



christine casey & family - November 27, 2017 at 05:32 AM

AP

“ *Alison Polich lit a candle in memory of Barbara Shirley Ramsey*



Alison Polich - November 26, 2017 at 05:12 PM