



## Joan Theresa DeGon

January 8, 1938 - August 21, 2021

On the most beautiful feast of St. Pius X, one of the most beautiful and Holy women of the DeGon Family passed into the arms of our Lord. Joan Theresa DeGon passed away at home surrounded by family in the early hours on August 21, 2021. She was 83 years old. Born to George & Carmen Mason on January 8, 1938 in Spokane, WA. Joan had five siblings - Gen, Chuck, Clarence, Clair and Dick. She attended Marycliff High School in Spokane, WA. She met the love of her life, Frank DeGon, while in high school. Frank and Joan were married on May 4, 1957. She would work at Sacred Heart Hospital as a nurse's aide before they started their family. Joan stopped working as an aide when she had their first baby. Their family came early in their marriage having four boys – Doug, Kenny, Steve and Roger. They lived in Spokane for several years before moving to Spangle, WA. There was never a dull moment with raising those four boys! When the boys were all in school, she went to work for Eastern Washington University in 1968 and would work as a custodian for 26 years, retiring in 1994. Mom & Dad loved to attend the Grange dances in various communities. They would make several trips to Canada to visit relatives and attend family reunions. Her husband Frank passed away on July 14, 2007. She would stay living on the Spangle homestead until the end of her life. She enjoyed camping with her boys, vacation travels with their families and traveling abroad with her high school best friend, Carol Burke. They went on an Alaskan Cruise and a pilgrimage across Europe. They visited Italy, Rome, Florence and Assisi. While there, she

was blessed to see Pope Francis who blessed her Rosary. She touched the lives and hearts of everyone she met. Her smile and endless joy were contagious. Most of all, she loved the Lord with all her heart! She is survived by her sons, Kenny (Sheryl), Steve (Mary) and Roger (Davette), 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She loved all of them unconditionally. She was preceded in death by her parents, all her siblings, her husband Frank and son Doug. May eternal rest grant unto her and may perpetual light shine upon her soul. Joan's service will be on Friday, September 10th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church located at 460 N 5th St, Cheney WA. There will be a Rosary on Thursday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Cheney WA. Memorials in Joan's name can be made to her church, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Cheney Funeral Chapel in Cheney, WA is in charge of arrangements. To leave condolences for the family or share memories of Mom visit [www.cheneyfuneral.com](http://www.cheneyfuneral.com). We are grateful to the countless family and friends that came by to see her at the end of her life. Thanks to Horizon Hospice for assisting in Mom's end of life care.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I will miss my sweet Aunt. I carry with me many fond memories of her. Never did I hear an angry or unkind word come from her mouth. Her laughter is forever embedded in my memory. And I can hear her saying "oh Kid, Heaven is glorious.' I Love her

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**Janet DeGon Lillie** - September 07, 2021 at 04:51 PM

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“ We are sorry for your loss.  
Joanie worked for me as a custodian at EWU for many years; always smiling, happy, and I loved working with her. She was a great worker and inspired everyone. Jim Mowatt 🙏

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**Jim & Arlene Mowatt** - September 06, 2021 at 01:09 PM