



Sherrill Diane Nelson

October 11, 1937 - February 4, 2022

Sherrill Diane Kelly was born in Spokane, Washington, October 11, 1937, to parents Francis & Verda Kelly of Lamont, Washington. During her childhood years in Lamont, the family endured a fire and years later a flood causing them to move from each of those homes. She attended all 12 years of school in Lamont, graduating in 1955. After a year at EWSC (EWU), she married her high school sweetheart, Don Nelson, in 1956.

Sherrill and Don lived in Ephrata, Rosalia, Othello, and Odessa where Don taught school and coached basketball. Following the death of her father in 1971 they moved to the family farm at Lamont and farmed for the next 40 years. Sherrill was a busy farm wife as she was Don's "right-hand woman" helping with all sorts of farm chores and errands. She also raised 4 children while following their activities in Lamont, St. John, and Sprague. She enjoyed the basketball camaraderie where she was a loyal fan to her children, grandchildren, and local athletes. Sherrill enjoyed attending the many athletic events throughout Eastern Washington, especially the annual trips to the State "B" Basketball Tournaments in Spokane. She also enjoyed gatherings with friends and family at their cabin at Williams Lake where boat rides, water skiing, playing cards and good food were all part of the agenda. One of her favorite places to shop was Costco.

Sherrill was a very active member of the Lamont community and she looked forward to visiting with friends and neighbors at community events. After Don's

death in 2014 she moved to Good Samaritan Retirement Homes in Spokane Valley and then to Guardian Angel Homes in Liberty Lake in March 2021 where she passed away on February 4, 2022 at the age of 84.

Sherrill was preceded in death by her husband Don, parents Francis and Verda Kelly and sister, Marilyn Thompson. She is survived by her 4 children: Gary (Paula) Nelson, Chewelah, WA, Shari Bolden, Keith (Staci) Nelson, and Patti (Joe) Davis all of Spokane; 6 grandchildren: Nikki, Riley, Kylie, Lilly, Dominic and Jordan; 2 great grandchildren: Aaron and Aiden; brothers Wayne (Linda) Kelly, Bonney Lake, WA, Jim (Carol) Kelly Cheney, WA and sister-in-law Joan Nelson, Spokane, WA.

Sherrill was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She was very kind hearted and put the happiness of others before her own. We all benefited from her kindness and generosity throughout the many years we had with her. It was a gift to have her in our lives. Words cannot describe how much she will be missed.

A private family memorial will be held at Spokane-Cheney Memorial Gardens.

Online guestbook at www.cheneyfuneral.com/obituaries/.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ I am grateful that Sherrill and Don were our neighbors - Mom and Dad had so much fun with them .
Milly Kay Melville Baldwin

Milly Kay Melville Baldwin - February 22, 2022 at 05:29 PM

SM

“ I have wonderful memories of all the fun times Bill and I had with Sherrill and Don.
Stella Melville

Stella Melville - February 22, 2022 at 05:25 PM

JH

“ I have such fond memories of Sherrill and Don in the old Lamont school on the hill. Sherrill was always so kind and friendly with everyone. Jerry Hopkins

Jerry Hopkins - February 20, 2022 at 03:35 PM