



## Wilma Jean Wendland

October 17, 1943 - November 19, 2022

Wilma Jean Wendland passed away peacefully in her home on November 19, 2022. She was born October 17, 1943, to Willard D. Smith and Goldie Harris in Morton, Washington. Wilma grew up in Packwood, Washington, and graduated from White Pass High School in 1961 where she started her career as a secretary for the White Pass Superintendents' office. She later went on to work as a secretary for the Packwood Ranger Station, Packwood/Randle Cemetery, Centralia Washington Superintendents office, and Scio Med of Spokane Washington. For a few years, she even had her own small business selling Wilma's Costume Jewelry.

Wilma was an extremely hard worker and was always very busy. She enjoyed cooking and hosting large family and friends gatherings, cake decorating, decorating her home, traveling, canning and gardening in her large flower garden. She had a very special talent for crocheting beautiful afghans and giving them to family and friends.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years Willam Wendland, Daughter Gina (Yann) Deletang, Son Gerald (Dee) Rapali, Step-daughter Kristi Rice, and Stepson Scott (Lori) Wendland. Grandchildren Aron (Athena) Loveland, Demi Deletang, Liam, Zymarie, and Vinny Rapali, Danielle Coppock, Stephen Rice, and Keira Wendland. Great grandchildren Una Loveland, and Evelynn Coppock. Brother & sister-in-law Jim and Judy Wendland, and numerous

nieces and nephews. Wilma was super excited awaiting the arrival of another great-grandchild baby boy Loveland in 2023.

Wilma had a larger-than-life personality and she will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

# Tribute Wall

GD

“ *Gina Deletang lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Wendland*



gina deletang - November 20, 2023 at 12:18 AM

GD

*I can't believe it's been a year already mom! I love and miss you greatly. Spending this day celebrating your life and all the memories.*



gina deletang - November 20, 2023 at 12:21 AM

PW

“ *Patricia Willis lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Wendland*



Patricia Willis - December 22, 2022 at 06:56 AM

PW

“ *Just learned of the loss of Wilma. I remember her as a teen, then a newlywed, a Mom, and as one of my happiest and funniest cousins. She made family reunions and memorials to other family members a time of joy, love and laughter. Now all of my Aunt Goldie's children are with her again. Rest in peace, my cousin...*

Patricia Willis - December 22, 2022 at 06:54 AM

AB

“ Willma 🤔 une personne formidable, malgré les km qui nous séparaient France 🇫🇷 usa 🇺🇸 . Elle me gâtait et m’envoyait toujours des colis énormes ! Maintenant elle est partie avec notre petit papa Gab 💖 et ma petite maman 💖 repose en paix willma 😭💖 .

audineau bella - December 02, 2022 at 03:22 PM

JW

“ Jill Wendland lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Wendland



Jill Wendland - December 02, 2022 at 09:50 AM

JW

“ My Aunt Wilma sure would light up a room. She and my Uncle Bill both have larger than life personalities. She was exuberance! She filled our times together with life, laughter and love. She always knew how to have a good time... that sparks a memory. At our wedding my Wendland family was having a pretty good time. So much so that Aunt Wilma needed help into the car. Shortly after she left, we discovered a shoe. A shoe that none of us noticed while helping Wima to the car. It was all a hilarious scene that kept us laughing long after she left the party.

While Aunt Wilma may have left this party, her love and joy lives on in us. Peace.

Jill Wendland - December 02, 2022 at 09:49 AM

AR

“ *My grandma Wilma gave me so much joy. Always so loving and fun. She provided a sense of safety, comfort, and always made sure we weren't hungry :) I'll keep our memories with me for the years ahead. We love you!*

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**Aron** - December 02, 2022 at 08:16 AM

SW

“ *Wilma, From the day we met you it has been so perfect to have you as our neighbor/friend. You always made me laugh, so enjoyable to visit, and I knew your door was always open for Kylie while I was at work. You always looked out for us and even really late at night we loved getting calls from you knowing you were watching out for us. Steve and I both came from small towns growing up and had friends and family always close but moving to Spokane it never felt like home until we moved next to you (and Bill) and those good home feels came back. We are going to miss you and our visits but only till later we will see again!*

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**Stacie white** - December 02, 2022 at 12:30 AM

DE

“ *Demi lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Wendland*



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**Demi** - December 02, 2022 at 12:13 AM

DE

“ *My grandma Wilma was an incredible woman. When I was little, I always enjoyed helping her prepare breakfast for the family, even though I was only in charge of cracking the eggs. I will never forget the time she tried to teach me how to crochet, but it ended up being more complicated than we both imagined. I will miss staying up late with her, talking, and listening to her tell me stories or give me advice. She taught me a lot about life, and I am grateful for all the time we spent together and the special connection we had. I love and miss you, grandma.*

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**Demi** - December 02, 2022 at 12:12 AM

GD

“ *Gina Deletang lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Wendland*



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**Gina Deletang** - December 01, 2022 at 10:42 PM

GD

“ *Words can not express how much I miss you mom! How alone I feel without you. I miss our daily phone calls, your advice, your hugs and your humor. I find some peace knowing you are in a better place now and watching over us. I will forever love and miss you and you will never be forgotten !*

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**Gina Deletang** - December 01, 2022 at 10:24 PM

SH

“ Wilma, my forever friend. How do you say goodbye to someone to whom you have shared over 75 years of your life? Someone you couldn't wait to tell about happy, funny times. Someone you could count on in times of sorrow. I will miss you so much but you will always be with me in my heart.

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**Sherry** - November 30, 2022 at 11:31 PM

RE

“ Wilma was such a force of a woman. I was lucky enough to know her and from the moment we met she was nothing but kind, loving, and funny. She treated me like I was her own family and I will never forget her kindness and support. I was able to spend a summer with her and share so many laughs and memories with her, and I will never forget how special that time was. Wilma's legacy will live on. I see her huge heart and love for others in her daughter, Gina. I see her fiery spirit and amazing sense of humor in her granddaughter, Demi. Wilma truly was one of a kind and is so dearly missed.

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**Ren** - November 30, 2022 at 09:37 PM

SA

Wilma was always kind to myself and my little family. She treated me like a friend and she was so easy to be friends with. I miss her so much this is hard to write. I thought she would out live me, her vibrancy was contagious.

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**Sandy** - December 21, 2022 at 12:10 PM

SM

“*Wilma (Sue) was the big sister I never had, becoming part of our family when I was 5 or 6. Even after we moved away we stayed close. As a teen I spent the summer babysitting and just hanging out with one of my favorite people ever. Even when years would go by without seeing each other we would have so many things alike, clothes, makeup, things in our houses. We would go shopping and pull the same thing off the rack. I would not love her more if she was a blood sister. She was my soul sister. Love you Wilma Jean.*

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**Shelba Marracci** - November 29, 2022 at 06:41 PM