



Ann Elaine Diede

January 21, 1945 - May 5, 2026

Ann Elaine Diede, 81, of Wenatchee, Washington, passed away peacefully on May 5, 2026, at Central Washington Hospital.

Ann was born January 21, 1945, at Jefferson County Hospital in Fairfield, Iowa, to Stanley and Inez Williams. She was raised in Ollie, Iowa, where she graduated from Pekin Community High School and developed the values of kindness, service, and dedication to family that remained with her throughout her life.

She graduated from Iowa State University in 1967 with a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics and later earned her Master's Degree in Clothing and Textiles from Colorado State University in 1974.

Ann began her career teaching Home Economics at Polo Community High School in Polo, Illinois, from 1969 to 1971. She later joined Washington State University Cooperative Extension, where she faithfully served from 1974 until her retirement in 2007. During her years with Cooperative Extension, she dedicated herself to education, family programs, and community service throughout Central Washington.

Ann enjoyed gardening, sewing, reading, traveling, swimming, volunteering in her community, and supporting 4-H activities at the Chelan County Fair. She

also served as a Cub Scout leader, writing the news letter and serving as president of Greater Mended Hearts of Wenatchee, and especially cherished time spent with family and friends.

She will be remembered for her gentle spirit, kindness, generosity, and willingness to help others. Ann touched many lives through her caring nature and made lasting friendships wherever she lived and worked.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Inez Williams of Ollie, Iowa, and by her brother, Dwight Williams of Richland, Iowa.

She is survived by her husband of forty nine years, John Diede of Wenatchee, Washington; her son, Mark Diede of Wenatchee, Washington; her sister, Susan Mohr of Queens, New York; her sister-in-law, Sandy Williams of Richland, Iowa; and her sister-in-law, Joan Kaiser of Edmonton, Alberta.

She is also survived by nieces and nephews: Amy Cline of Lincoln, Nebraska, and her children Skylar Adams, Josh Cline, and Madi Cline; Lara Coffman of Ojai, California, and her children Nora Coffman and Sydney Coffman; Sarah Carstens of New York City; William Carstens of Boston, Massachusetts; and Richard Carstens Jr. of Johnston, Iowa, and his children Emma Carstens, Joey Carstens, and Austin Carstens, Renee Reiss, Conroy IA, Jason Kaiser, Edmonton AB, Peter Korodimas, Winnipeg MB

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Viewing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel prior to the service.

We ask all monetary donations be made to Greater Mended Hearts of Wenatchee (Chapter 91) .

Ann will be deeply missed by her family and friends and lovingly remembered always.

Upcoming Events

Mass

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
625 S Elliott
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-4569
<http://www.stjosephwen.org/>