



Charlene Kay O'Leary

May 19, 1950 - April 3, 2021

Charlene O'Leary was born May 19, 1950 in Washington State to Mable Alta Dymment of Wenatchee who was one of seven children, and to Lloyd Luke of Snohomish County. Charlene grew up with her brother, Ronald Milton Luke, "Ronnie," in Snohomish County. Charlene was a loving mother, sister-in-law, daughter, auntie, best friend, and grandmother. Words cannot express the loss we have experienced. If you ever knew Charlene you would know she never said an unkind word and was always down for a party. Char could care less where you came from and her favorite saying to new people was, "What's your story?", making you an instant friend. Charlene worked at Fred Meyer for 41 years and our families running joke was we didn't know Fred Meyer existed 41 years ago; however, Fred Meyer was her second family and she opened many stores and was an amazing asset to the company and she has been followed by many stores and friends she made along the way who called when she was sick and said of Char, "I could always go to her office for advice", "She was my best friend", "She was with me when my mom passed." We have heard this from more than one friend whose mom passed and they became a daughter to Char who needed a substitute mom and Char was always available. Char's favorite Christmas present was a hammer and bag of nails because she could convince her brother to build her toys and doll houses and when he ran off with friends she would complete the project. Char was the epitome of the wild girl on the back of the chopper and her hair free and loving life she drank beer and wine but made it to church on Sunday and

work on Monday. If you ever knew love from Char you were lucky because there was no judgment except when she gave you the famous silent treatment. Charlene is preceded in death by her mother, Mabel, father Lloyd, and brother, Ronnie. Charlene is survived by her son, Gabriel Luke O'Leary, two grandchildren, Paige and Shelby O'Leary, daughter in-law, Kyla, her beloved dogs, Emma and Stella, niece, Annie Miller of Quincy and children, Baylla, Emmerson, Coleman Miller, step-sons, Ryan O'Leary and Dylan Levison, and additional sons, Cody and Jamey Leckner, best friends, Judy and Mac Macdonald and children, Denise Leckner and children, Kathy Hania, Paula Fusco, Kathleen Stockard-Ottosen, Jan Tuggle, Kathy Nevia, Mary Murray-Mistision and Gayla Weythman and children. Charlene is survived by many additional cousins and other nieces and nephews and she will be missed dearly. Charlene wanted everyone to know she was ready to pass as she was sick from ALS and heaven was calling her name. Charlene had many losses including a job and her favorite condo with a pond and ducks and her health, but in true Charlene form, Charlene was the life of the party, even in sickness so we hit many casinos and won big once and she said, "I've never won that much ever. Let's leave now before we get robbed." So we end this chapter saying whatever you do make it a meaningful way to say good-bye while your still the life of the party. As a family we would especially like to thank Assured Hospice, Shad Stentz, and Lynette Harris for their loving care.

Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charlene Kay O'Leary



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - April 15, 2021 at 01:41 PM

CW

A beautiful remembrance of a beautiful soul. Rest in peace Char. From the Wells family. 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤�

Connie Wells - April 15, 2021 at 11:09 PM

MO

RIP Dear Char, my sister-in-law for life. Love the tribute.

Molly OLeary - April 16, 2021 at 04:48 PM

SE

Such a beautiful tribute to a very beautiful woman rest in peace char
Stephanie Edmondson

Stephanie Edmondson - April 17, 2021 at 11:49 PM

SR

“ Sue Rammage lit a candle in memory of Charlene Kay O'Leary



Sue rammage - April 15, 2021 at 10:43 PM



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SR

“ *Char was my person she was always there for me. No matter the situation or time of day or what she was already doing. I cannot put into words what she meant to me. She was bigger than big with her heart. There is not a single person out there like her. That is why I will not say it is a loss to lose her, because I truly believe she is just lighting the path and getting it ready for the rest of us. I miss you Char. Until we meet up again*

Sue rammage - April 15, 2021 at 11:59 AM

“ I was lucky enough to have been friends with Char for 20 years. She was not only my friend but my confidant. I have years of work stories and personal stories. Instead of sharing a story of mine, I want to share what I thought was most important to remember about Char. She has her family and her Fred Meyer family. How lucky we all are to have been a part of her life. I smile when I think of all the times she felt strongly about something (which was daily) at work and stormed in to tell me. She then raced to see her boss, closed the door behind her and I am not sure exactly what went on. All I know is that I am sure that she was standing up for someone or something that she felt was unjust or someone who needed help. She knew about everybody at the store because she listened to everyone and cared about them.

Char loved the beach and casino trips with friends and family. She would return from a trip and tell me about how much fun she had and show me pictures. She really cherished those times. I don't have enough room to write about everyone, but you know who you are. I also have a lot of pictures of her pond and ducks! Thank you Annie for watching over Char and Emma.

Char loved her family very much. She would light up when she talked about Gabe and her granddaughters. She would tell me her granddaughters were over for a sleep over and that she was in heaven. They meant the world to her. She had her dear Emma always by her side.

I will tell a quick story about my caring friend Char. There was a gentleman that sat at the corner stoplight with a sign asking for help. I waved and sometimes stopped to say hello. I mentioned this man to Char and she said oh I know him (by name). He had eye surgery and is trying to get back to work. He had business cards made and is looking for work as a handyman. She told me a little bit about his family. She had stopped one day and got out of her car to cross the street and talk to him and learn “his story”. It gives warms my heart every time I think about it.

*So, if you were lucky enough to call Char your family or your friend, know that you were genuinely loved. Char and I knew we were lucky to have such a loving friendship and I told her many times that she is my forever friend.
I love you Char!*

Paula Fusco - April 09, 2021 at 04:15 PM

JB

“*Char lived with us for a couple of years before she married Thom O’Leary. She always referred to Gayle and I as her family. I will never forget Char and how kind she was to everyone.*

James Backman

James Backman - April 09, 2021 at 02:31 PM