



## Jennifer Lynn Franza

March 23, 1952 - July 12, 2016

Jennifer Franza, 64, died July 12, 2016 with her family by her side in Wenatchee, Washington.

She was born March 23rd, 1952, in Vancouver Washington to Fred and Shirley Doane. Jennifer lived in the Vancouver area until she attended and graduated from Western Washington University. It was at Western where she met and married her husband Mike Franza. After graduation they eventually settled in the Wenatchee valley where they have lived ever since.

As a homemaker, Jennifer dedicated her life to her husband and to raising her two daughters. While her husband worked as a principal in the Wenatchee and Leavenworth school districts, Jennifer served as an advice column and sounding board for the many who graced her always-open front door. Her warm and inviting demeanor, paired with her genuine love for people, put every soul at ease, and her table was always set with cookies, bean dip, and good conversation. Jennifer's Godly wisdom has left a legacy that continues to reach far beyond her kitchen table.

Jennifer developed lasting friendships in Wenatchee and throughout the upper valley. She was an active member of the Wenatchee Free Methodist church and enjoyed her weekly coffee club.

Jennifer Franza is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Mike Franza; her two brothers and their spouses Warren and Rosie Doane, and Curt and Caroline Doane; her daughter Megan Carlson and husband Jeff; her daughter Becky Binger and husband Aaron; and her five grandsons: Mac, Jack, Ryder, Coen, and Griffin.

The family would like to invite you to celebrate the life of Jennifer Franza on Thursday, July 21st at 2pm, at the Wenatchee Free Methodist Church. Dress casual and comfortable in honor of Jennifer. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com). Arrangements are by Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUL **21**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Wenatchee Free Methodist  
1601 5th Street  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

# Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jennifer Lynn Franza



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - July 19, 2016 at 10:51 AM

KB

*This video is an amazing tribute to Jennifer. It is obvious she had a wonderful life and a loving family. We are heartbroken that she is gone. Our memories of Jennifer in Washougal in the late 70's and 80's are of a fun, vibrant lady. We are fortunate to have met her and wish you all the best as you settle into your new normal. We have no doubt you will keep her memories alive and focus on the good times. Having 5 darling grandsons should help keep you smiling!*  
Karen and Dave Burnham

Karen and Dave Burnham - July 20, 2016 at 12:54 PM

SM

“ Dear Mike, Megan, Becky & families....My heart broke to learn that Jennifer had slipped away to make heaven her home. I will miss her smile, laughter, kindness & fun-loving ways. Praying for Gods Spirit to comfort you & give you strength to go on. With Love & Prayers > <> Sarah Manke, formerly from WFMC & now living in Pasco, working at Chiawana High School (To help you remember: )Megan was into basketball at the same time my daughter Jessica was running track for Eastmont).

Sarah Manke - August 02, 2016 at 03:41 AM

JN

“ A great lady, a great family - sorry for your loss. Jerry Nichols, Great Falls MT

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**Jerry Nichols** - July 23, 2016 at 09:02 PM

TB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Mike and family members as you face this difficult loss. May your fond memories of Jennifer bring smiles and comfort through the days and years ahead.  
Terri & Dave Bawden

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**Terri Bawden** - July 23, 2016 at 01:42 PM

LW

“ John and I are grateful for our friendship with Jennifer. Her warm welcome and encouragement always made me feel valuable. She was a very special person. Heaven must be rejoicing as she finds fulness of joy in God's presence.

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**laura waldren** - July 21, 2016 at 06:33 PM

JJ

“ Jennifer radiated her love of Christ. She was always cheerful, kind and generous. Even while sick she maintained the sunny disposition of someone who knows something better awaited her. Mike and family- we pray that you would know the peace that passes understanding in this very difficult time. May you find comfort in the memories and joy in t he knowledge that you will meet again.

Love,

The De Jongs

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**Jon De Jong** - July 21, 2016 at 01:28 PM

PW

“ Mike and family, we are so sorry for this huge loss. Jenny was a gem and such a wonderful person. It was so good to reconnect with you both last summer at the reunion. We look forward to being with her again on the other side, until then, we keep you all in our thoughts and prayers as you move on day by day. Mike, Paul wants to play golf with you sometime when we get back to Wenatchee - we will give you a call. Please know that you are thought of and lifted up in prayers. May God bless you all.  
We loved looking at the pictures you posted - what a beautiful family.  
Paul & Kathy White - Vancouver, WA

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**Paul and Kathy White** - July 21, 2016 at 11:01 AM

LD

“ Uncle Mike, Megan and Becky and family,

*Sending our love to you during this difficult time. Aunt Jennifer was certainly a special lady always smiling and David has such fond memories of her growing up. She will certainly be missed immensely.*

*Love to you all,*

*David, Leann, Taylor, Bailey and Griffin*



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**Leann Doane** - July 21, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ 7 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - July 20, 2016 at 05:19 PM



“ A remarkable mother whose love and support was evident in the stands cheering on her girls! My prayers are with the Franza family as you celebrate her wonderful life! Judy Spoelstra



Judy Spoelstra - July 19, 2016 at 04:54 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jim and Debbie Ream - July 19, 2016 at 01:47 PM

JR

“ *Jen, we're going to miss your beautiful smile. Your warm, caring, and thoughtful ways have left a lasting impression on us. God bless you and your family.*

*Jim and Debbie Ream*

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**Jim and Debbie Ream** - July 19, 2016 at 01:42 PM

MR

“ *I went to school THE Old Fort with Jenny. I admired her and will never forget how she made everyone feel so Loved. She had a warm smile, a helping hand and so devoted to her family. She will be greatly missed and remain in ALL OUR HEARTS. Love and Friendship Remembered and Treasured .Molly Ann Straub Reis*

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**Molly Ann Straub Reis** - July 16, 2016 at 11:57 PM

MR

“ *Molly Ann Straub Reis sent a virtual gift in memory of Jennifer Lynn Franza*



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**Molly Ann Straub Reis** - July 16, 2016 at 11:45 PM

CS

“ Dear Mike,  
We are so sorry to hear about Jennifer. Our thoughts, love and prayers go to you and the girls and other family. There are never words that can even begin to imagine the loss that you all are sharing. Jen fought a courageous battle with her loved ones with her through and through.  
Take care my friend...  
Colleen and Alan Smith

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**Colleen Smith** - July 16, 2016 at 05:14 PM

DZ

“ Where do I start? Softball, basketball, the cabin! Your girls, our boys oh don't forget Soap Lake and the frogs!! Words can't express the sorrow we are experiencing of her leaving us. Her love and strength will continue on thru Mike Meagan and Becky and her grandsons whom she lived for. How blessed we were to know and love her.

*Kent and Denise Ziegler*

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**Denise Ziegler** - July 15, 2016 at 09:35 PM

MM

“ I attended Jr and Sr H.S. with "Jenniflavor" and "bubbles". She was one of the most genuine persons I have ever met. Jennifer was very popular among her peers and loved by many. She did not hide her excitement or passion and loved to be around sports. I was happy to hear that she married Mike and had two daughters that enjoyed athletics. She probably glowed during their games.  
I remember in high school that her house in the Lincoln District was often "The Hub" for after game activity and her mother especially, was a great hostess and something that was passed on to Jenny. She will be endearingly missed by all who knew her. Please accept my condolences as we forever remember her legacy.

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**Michael Mattox** - July 15, 2016 at 06:47 PM

LL

“ Jennifer was a beautiful, Godly woman who always put her family and faith first. I'm so grateful to have known her, and will miss her lovely smile and heartfelt hugs. Her example of Godly living will continue to be an inspiration to her children, grandchildren, husband and all her many friends. My condolences to all of her family. Heaven received a special angel this week.

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**Lynn Love** - July 15, 2016 at 03:57 PM

BM

“ So sad.....and much too soon. Jen was one of the truly nicest people I've ever known. In the days when we had the flower shop in Leavenworth, we would talk forever about her kids and mine, sports, and even flowers. Such a bright light, and it permeated throughout the Franza family. Just shared the news with son Scott in California and he was unable to finish the phone conversation. We agree that our lives were all the better for the short time we knew her. Much love and condolences to Mike, Megan, Becky and their families.

*Brooks Murphy and family*

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**Brooks Murphy** - July 15, 2016 at 02:31 PM

MM

“ I haven't had the opportunity to see Jennifer for many years. Jennifer and Mike lived next door to me in Washougal, WA. I remember her as a kind and fun loving person. I am sure she will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mike and his daughters.

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**Mike McCrary** - July 15, 2016 at 02:14 PM

AH

“ Jennifer was a smile waiting to happen! I don't know that I have ever met a more genuine and sincere woman. I look back at the great memories we created when the girls were in high school and they are even more special now. Mike, Megan and Becky, I hope the great memories you have of your wife and mother sustain you through this difficult time. Mike and I are thinking of you.

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**Annie Horey** - July 15, 2016 at 01:02 PM

DR

“ Jennifer was one of those people that always had a smile, a hug, and was genuinely glad to see you. She was truly a person who placed family and friends above herself. She made God's love present wherever she happened to be.

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**Dan Roche** - July 15, 2016 at 07:50 AM

JR

“ First to the Franza Family. I pray that God comforts you and gives you strength during this most difficult time. I could never forget Ms. Franza no matter what she knew how to make me laugh (that was a hard thing to do for me in college). You were so funny and always super cheerful and talkative. What an amazing example of a wife, mother, and friend. We can never understand God's plan but I'm often that are time here on earth is borrowed. God needed his Angel more. God has truly gained an angel. May you rest in peace. Job well done the good and faithful servant. J. Redd.

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**Jamie Redd** - July 15, 2016 at 12:54 AM

BE

“ *"Almost every Sunday we would walk to Grandma's house for French toast after church. I love my Grandma!" - Mac*

*"I miss you and love you very much Grandma." - Ryder*

*"My Grandma always threatened to eat my bellybutton." - Coen*

*"My Grandma is the best! She always tickled me and let me eat French toast. She is the best Grandma." - Jack*

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**Becky** - July 14, 2016 at 11:41 PM

SR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Suellen Thaelke Rauch** - July 14, 2016 at 06:06 PM

MA

“ I am so sad to hear of Jennifer's passing. I, like Pam, went to school from Kindergarten through our Senior Year at the old Fort with her. My special memories include these: Jennifer was the best tetherball player at Lincoln Elementary. No boy or girl stood a chance against her skills. At Shumway, we both were delirious when we were selected to be on the Rally Squad in 8th and 9th grades. We used to walk to Shumway together in the morning and home together after school. She was so much fun, so smart, so athletic, and I loved her. My favorite memory is going to Portland Beaver Baseball games with Jennifer and her mom. To Jennifer's family...May you be blessed by the memories you have of her. -Marilyn Murray Gardner

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**Marilyn** - July 14, 2016 at 02:51 PM

DY

“ I attended Shumway Junior High and sophomore year at Fort Vancouver High School with Jenny. Her smile and laughter was always present and contagious. I hadn't seen my classmates for over 40 years (I didn't graduate from Fort) until last summer at our 45th class reunion. Jenny was bouncing around everywhere but made a point to come over to me with a big smile, a huge hug and then shared many memories. She is gone wayyyyyy too soon but she will never be forgotten. Rest in peace, my friend, until we meet again. My heartfelt sympathy and love to all her family and friends. Diana (Rathbun) Yust

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**Diana (Rathbun) Yust** - July 14, 2016 at 12:44 PM

PA

“ So many fun memory's with Jennifer, I went to school with her from kindergarten to graduation, I was sick a lot through my school years and found out in November of our Sr. Year I wasn't going to be able to graduate with my class, heart broken I went to the ceremony at kiggens bowl and sat and watched my class parade by me, when Jennifer past me she stopped and gave me a hug and a little kiss on the cheek and whispered (your with us). I've never forgotten her kindness, caring, and loving nature! She was a true friend! I'm so sorry for your loss, may she R.I.P. 🙏🙏🙏🙏 many prayers sent to her family. Pam Adams💜

Pam Adams - July 14, 2016 at 11:53 AM

GW


“ I admired Jenny's bubbly energy when I was in high school. I had such a nice chat with her at our reunion last summer, and I'm grieved to hear of her passing, far too early. My thoughts and prayers to her family and other loved ones. Gail

Gail Wells - July 14, 2016 at 11:51 AM

GH

“ Always loved her smile and enthusiasm for life. Used to call her "legs" Doane back in high school which she got a kick out of. Always remember her being a FVHS cheerleader too. Will miss her.

Gary Hust - July 14, 2016 at 08:19 AM

 Bruce Rauch

“ Such a shining light. Jenny will be always in my memories.

Bruce Rauch - July 13, 2016 at 10:49 PM