



## LaVonne Ann Resnick

October 28, 1935 - February 12, 2010

LaVonne passed away February 12, 2010 at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle following a brief illness. LaVonne was born October 28, 1935 in Fargo, North Dakota and spent her childhood in Oakes, North Dakota. Following graduation from High School, she spent several years working for Bell Telephone in Oakes and then the wide world called. In 1958 she joined the U.S. Navy and served faithfully in Washington, D.C. and Hawaii until her discharge in 1963. Her honorable Naval service was a great source of pride to her. Following her service she once again returned to the Washington, D.C. area and worked for a dentist and then an electronics firm before marrying in 1964. Following marriage, she and her husband moved to Virginia and then onward to many locals throughout the world, following his Navy career, In 1977 the family moved to East Wenatchee, Washington to begin a new chapter in her life. Employment in fruit sales with Wells and Wade fruit and later Dole Northwest occupied her working years until retirement. Prior to retirement and for a number of years after, she and her husband spent many happy days touring the U.S. and Canada on a motorcycle along with good friends from Missouri and Iowa. She also had a weekly ceramics session that brought her much happiness. She was preceded in death by her parents Ethel and Clifford O'Neal and numerous aunts and uncles. She is survived by her husband, Melvin, son Paul Resnick and wife Susan of Auburn, WA, grandchildren Andrew and Britteny and one great grandchild. In addition she is survived by her brother Ronald O'Neal ( Roberta);sister Ann (Bill) Thomason of Bend,

Oregon and numerous cousins, and one special aunt and uncle. A private family memorial service will be held. Memorials may be made to Harborview Medical Center, 325 9th Avenue, Seattle, WA.98104. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com) Arrangements are entrusted to Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ One month ago today you left my world and there is not an hour that passes that I don't think of you. I miss you so very much. My love always.

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**Melvin Resnick** - March 12, 2010 at 02:45 PM



“ LaVonne will be greatly missed by all who knew her. LaVonne was my cousin and though we only had a mountain pass between our homes, we only managed to get together a few times for visits. We sent emails and had talks on the phone many times over the years. I talked to her a week before her surgery as she had called to tell me she was sorry about the passing of my brother Van. We kept the conversation light and upbeat thinking I'd be down at Harborview visiting. I think somehow LaVonne knew her journey was done here, and it was time to be with the Lord.  
Connie Franklin

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**Connie Franklin** - February 27, 2010 at 01:06 AM

WD

“ LaVonne was an older cousin but I knew her very well. Her Mother Ethel lived next door to us and so growing up I always heard stories of LaVonne. She also worked with my mother Ethel Day for many years and I would hear stories about her. She was off to the Navy while I was in still in grade school but I remember her letters to my mother and Aunt Ethel. My birthday is Oct. 21 so I always remembered her birthday as it was one week later (but 14 years earlier) than mine. Over the past years I have always looked forward to seeing LaVonne and Mel when they came back to Oakes to visit my folks. My wife and I would always try to find a chance to drive back to Oakes (from Jamestown, ND) to see them while they were here. We always enjoyed the stories of their trips on the motorcycle and maybe secretly envied their trips. Now she is with her mother in heaven and in the comfort of the Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mel, Paul and Ron in her loss. Wayne and Gayle Day.

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**Wayne Day** - February 22, 2010 at 07:40 PM

BJ

“ A week ago, on our way to church, Jack asked, "who has been your friend forever?" and I said, "LaVonne." That very day we received the message that LaVonne had passed away. LaVonne and I graduated in 1953 from Oakes High School. I could write pages about our youth--they were fun years. Then, before Jack and I were married in 1954, LaVonne hosted a bridal shower for me at their home with Ethel (LaVonne's Mom) in attendance, enjoying every moment with us kids. By this time, Ethel was like another Mom for me. Over the years, LaVonne and I have stayed connected with long telephone conversations and memorable personal visits. LaVonne called to tell me about her upcoming surgery in Seattle and we shared so much that day with great hopes of a successful operation and months of healing thereafter. Our good Lord decided it was time for LaVonne to come with Him and rest in peace. I miss you more than you could ever imagine, LaVonne, and memories of you will be cherished forever.

*Betty Johnson*

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**Betty Johnson** - February 22, 2010 at 07:34 AM



“ Miss you Mom. So glad that you are free of pain and suffering. You and Dad were the best parents a child could ask for. Really happy that you got to see your great-grandson.



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**Paul Resnick** - February 21, 2010 at 11:45 AM



“ Through the events and stories that my Dad, Les Day, and Ethyl Day shared with me, I came to know LaVonne at a distance. Our paths never crossed but thoughts of her were still there. Her Mother was a dear person to me and her passing was equally saddening. They are together now in the comfort of our Lord, and someday I will meet them both there.

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**Gail Breeland** - February 21, 2010 at 08:23 AM

MR

“ One week has passed and I remain heartbroken. 45 years of loving togetherness was not nearly enough time. Rest easy Sweetheart, you will always be my love.

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**Melvin Resnick** - February 20, 2010 at 07:52 PM

RD

“ We always looked forward to Lavonne's visits to Oakes, and we will miss her very much. She always made time for our daughter, and we enjoyed visiting with her & Mel, hearing of the motorcycle trips and stories of years past. She will be greatly missed. Shannon, Rhonda & Grace Day.

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**R Day** - February 20, 2010 at 05:41 PM

CS

“*Lavonne was such a nice person. She and my sister, Ethel, were good friends when I was still in high school (same class as Ronnie, her brother). She and Ethel and Goldie Lopp worked together and were good friends. In 1956, I came home from an out of town basketball game to find them all, including my mother, DeEtta, blaring music out the doors and windows, dancing and all "slightly" inebriated. Needless to say, Lavonne spent the night..... Shortly thereafter, Lavonne joined the Navy and left Oakes. We were all "extended family" and spent some holidays together. Nice memories of her and her mom, Ethel and Ron.. Lavonne was "beautiful and fun"....Carol Santelio*

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**Carol Santelio** - February 19, 2010 at 10:10 PM

LD

“*Lavonne entered this world and into the hearts of many when Uncle Les was just 8 years old. They were great friends from early on as well as being family. She and Les shared a special bond that went beyond niece and uncle. Great times were shared and also some losses. Lavonne and brother Ron were and remain very special people in our lives. Myself, Ethel Day, worked with Lavonne before she went into the Waves prior to meeting the love of her life, Mel. We had the privilege of sharing time with them after they retired and visited with us in the Tundra, as our granddaughter calls ND. Lavonne was a bridesmaid when Les and I married over 50 years ago.*

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**Les and Ethel Day** - February 19, 2010 at 07:50 PM

MT

“ LaVonne and Mel are very special to me. Growing up next next door I have lots of memories. LaVonne was always very nice to me and treated me like a special friend. I feel blessed to have known her and will always have a special memory of her in my heart. The family is and always will be an important part of my childhood. My heart goes out to Mel, Paul, and family as they grieve the loss of such a wonderful woman.

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**Michelle Torgerson** - February 19, 2010 at 06:18 PM

JE

“ Oh, how our hearts ache. LaVonne you will be sorely missed, but we have a lot of happy memories of our motorcycle trips together. We can hear you & Judy sharing a giggle over a shared secret now that you are together. We will miss your smile & quick wit. Jerry & Jean Ebert

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**Jerry & Jean Ebert** - February 19, 2010 at 04:46 PM

LH

“ Lavonne filled my life beyond anything I can express. Always positive and upbeat. I was so blessed she called me friend. I will miss her every day , but remember her kind ways always. My blessing to Mel, Paul and all of the family. Love Linda Hart

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**Linda Hart** - February 19, 2010 at 04:23 PM

RK

“ LaVonne always held herself erect with her shoulders square and her head back, chin up. She lived like that, too, meeting every circumstance head-on, dealing with the hard and enjoying the good to the fullest. I will miss her quick smile. Love, Rose Kurpuiis

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**Rosemary Kurpuiis** - February 19, 2010 at 12:47 PM



“ *Lavonne, my dear, dear friend, you will be missed. I am so happy to have been your friend and to have had you in my life. You will always be in my heart as will Mel and Paul. God bless.*

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**Collette Shrader** - February 19, 2010 at 09:54 AM



“ *This lovely woman left our world too soon; I didn't get enough time to enjoy her wonderful personality and quick wit. We developed an instant connection when we met and I enjoyed her so. Oh, I will miss her as will her family. We not only grieve that she is gone but celebrate that she lived. Goodbye my friend. Love, Pam Schweitzer*

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**Pamla Shweitzer** - February 18, 2010 at 11:28 PM