



Marilyn Jean Swearingen

August 16, 1952 - August 22, 2012

On Wednesday, August 22, 2012, surrounded by her loving family, Marilyn Jean Swearingen was called home to her heavenly father after a courageous three-year battle with cancer. Born in Idaho on August 16, 1952, Leonard and Effie Mae Glenn raised Marilyn in Lewiston along with her brother Daryl. In October of 1972, Marilyn married the love of her life, Mike, and together, they raised a beautiful family. Marilyn and Mike worked side-by-side and hand-in-hand for years as the proud owners of both the Entiat Food Center and Coulee City Food Center.

Marilyn possessed a true zest for life. She loved country concerts, traveling with friends and family, attending the rodeo, playing poker, snowmobiling with her fellow Polcats, cheering for the Mariners, and doting on her children and grandchildren. She will be remembered for her kind heart, quick wit, enthusiasm for new adventures, and beautiful smile. Many of Marilyn's favorite days were simply spent relaxing and laughing with those she loved most. She felt so deeply welcomed and cared for by both of her "home" communities of Entiat and Coulee City, and was so uplifted by the outpouring of support she received during her trials and treatments. Marilyn leaves behind a wealth of memories she shared with so many wonderful friends.

Marilyn is survived by her loving and devoted husband Mike; her three sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Debra Rimel, Dave and Renee Swearingen, and Jeff and Nycole Swearingen; and her adoring grandchildren, Alexis, Emily, Gabe, Courtney, Aubrey, Kaitlyn, and Sam. Marilyn is also survived by

her brother Daryl Glenn, and her many loving brothers and sisters-in-law. Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Effie Mae Glenn. Mike would like to give a special thanks to the Wenatchee Valley Clinic Oncology Department, especially Dr. Mitchell Garrison and his wonderful nurses and Infusion Room staff for their excellent care and compassion. You really helped to make Marilyn's days memorable.

Services will be held Friday, August 31 at 2:00 p.m. at Coulee City Middle School Gymnasium.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Jean Swearingen



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ *The world lost a spark of light, but our loss is Heaven's gain. Marilyn was such a wonderful, nice person and always so happy and kind. I worked with her at Macy's, and she was one of the most loved employees there. Always a smile and positive attitude, even when situations weren't that great. She was a bit of mentor for me, and taught me so many things about work and life as well. Every time I hear about Coulee City or drive through, it has reminded me of Mike and Marilyn. She touched so many lives in such wonderful ways that she will live on in mine and others memories forever. We should all strive to be as wonderful as Marilyn.*

Vicki Rivers - September 27, 2012 at 02:23 AM

PP

“ I liked & appreciated Marilyn from the day I met her. It was her courage and optomism in facing her battle with cancer that made me fully understand what a wonderful person she truly was. I'm honored that I had the chance to know her, and share the huge circle of friends that surrounded her. Even though it saddens me to let her go, my life is better for having known her.

Patsi Parrott

Patsi Parrott - September 01, 2012 at 11:27 AM

BP

“ My thoughts to out to the entire family and friends during this time of loss. I always appreciated visitng with Marilyn at NCNB.

Bonnie Polhamus

Bonnie Polhamus - August 31, 2012 at 10:00 PM

DE

“ Marilyn, Your service was beautiful and so are you! You will never be forgotten. We only knew you for a short while but I felt as though I've known you my whole life. You left such a great impression on us all! Prayers going out to your family as they grieve your loss. You will never be forgotten. Danette and John Edwards

Danette Edwards - August 31, 2012 at 07:11 PM

JA

“ *What an honor it was to be included in celebrating Marilyn's birthday with her and others on Thursday before she left us six days later. She leaves us with many precious memories of get-togethers; and was truly an "Angel on earth". Her memory will forever be our keepsake. No matter the circumstances she never complained; and always had a smile on her face.
Much, much love to you Mike and the family.*

*(Marilyn, our hearts still ache in sadness and what it means to lose you; no one can ever know! We already miss your "Bear Hugs".
Jack & Rowena*

Jack & Rowena Asher - August 31, 2012 at 02:43 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Marilyn Jean Swearingen.*



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August 31, 2012 at 09:31 AM



“ *Dear Mike and Boys,
I am so sorry for the loss of Marilyn. I am so glad that you moved onto Albin Dr. When I was in first grade. So many wonderful years were spent being in her presence. She was always so gracious in letting me tag along with her on any athletic road trip. She loved to spoil you. My sister and I even loved to come up and help her fold clothes. You always knew you were welcome in her home. I am saddened that I won't be able to celebrate her life with you on Friday. We just started school today, but I will continue to pay forward her generous and kind spirit with the students in my classroom. You are in my thoughts and prayers, Leah (Corn) Hammond and family*

Leah Hammond - August 29, 2012 at 10:56 PM

DS

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Mike, Marilyn was always a person that was up beat and alive.

All my thoughts,
Dave Smith

dave smith - August 29, 2012 at 08:22 PM

TC

“ Mike: What can we say to ease your sorrow??? Both Tim and I are thinking of you with love in our hearts. We have sooooo many fond memories created over our lifetime of friendship. We are very blessed that we got to spend time with you and Marilyn in July this year. She was so upbeat then, it is hard to imagine her downward slide. We are here always for you and sending our condolences and much love. Hugs to you.

Tim & Marilyn Curtis

Tim and Marilyn Curtis - August 29, 2012 at 06:13 PM

DM

“ Mike,
So sorry for your loss. Marilyn was a wonderful person, a joy to be around.

Dave Michel, - former Okanogan County and Chelan County
basketball Official

Dave Michel - August 29, 2012 at 05:28 PM

DG

“ Mike, Debbie and I both send our love and prayers to you and your family. We know how much you loved each other and we are very sad that Marilyn has passed away. We will always remember her smile and her laughter and freindship. Our hugs and prayers to you and your family.

Don and Debbie Gurnard

Don and Debbie Gurnard - August 29, 2012 at 04:10 PM

RU

“ Dear Mike ... What a great sadness. We are thinking of you and your family during this most difficult time. May you find peace and comfort in your wonderful memories.

Richard and Muriel Uhlenkott, Clarkston, WA

Richard Uhlenkott - August 29, 2012 at 10:07 AM

RC

“ Mike, Jimmy, Dave, Jeff and families, Sorry to hear of the passing of Marilyn. I have always been thankful for all of you moving to Entiat. You did so much for the people of the town and we had some fun with Basketball and golf didn't we. Marilyn was always so fun to be around with her smile and laugh and posotive energy. Hope all of you are doing well. Ron, Traci, Benny, Anthony and Brady Cate

Ron Cate - August 28, 2012 at 03:20 PM

TZ

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Tanya Zimmerman - August 28, 2012 at 03:10 PM

BJ

“ Kathy and I are sincerely sorry for your loss Mike. Our hearts go out to you and your family.

Bob & Kathy Johnston - August 28, 2012 at 12:58 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Marilyn Jean Swearingen.



August 27, 2012 at 06:35 PM

MA

“ Mike and family. I wasn't fortunate enough to have really known Marilyn well, but I was fortunate enough to help her with a business need. She was a joy to talk with on the phone. In our first conversation she said she was from a town I wouldn't know, (Coulee City). I responded with, "I know exactly where you are, that's the area my husband grew up in and where we came from before moving to Lewiston." We laughed at what a small world it is. My deepest heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family.
Marilou Aubertin (Windermere Real Estate)

Marilou Aubertin - August 27, 2012 at 11:38 AM

DP

“ *Dear Mike and family,
We send our deepest sympathy to all of you. I loved playing golf
with Marilyn and so enjoyed visiting with her. Most Sincerely,
Darlene and Dan Portch*

Darlene Portch - August 26, 2012 at 01:21 PM