



Delean A. Crown

June 15, 1942 - April 13, 2017

Delean "DeDe" Crown passed away on April 13, 2017. DeDe was born in Sioux City, IA, to Delano and Eva Rice. She had two siblings, her older sister, Reata and younger brother, Richard. DeDe grew up in Mountain View, CA, and graduated from Mountain View High School before moving to Twin Falls, ID, where she met her husband, Wayne Crown.

Wayne was drafted into the United States Army during the Viet Nam War and was stationed in Newport News, VA. Shortly after being discharged from the Army, DeDe and Wayne moved to Colorado Springs, CO. Their eldest son, Michael, was born in Colorado in 1965. The family moved to Spokane, WA, where their youngest son, Steven, was born.

In 1971, the family moved to Filer, ID, where Wayne took over the family farm and started his masonry business. DeDe was a stay-at-home mother until both boys entered school. DeDe went to work at Crystal Springs Fish Hatchery and helped run the family hog farm. DeDe loved animals and had fond memories of

all the animals she had owned while living on the farm.

In 1982, DeDe and Wayne purchased Red's Beverage & Sporting Goods, a small convenience store and restaurant located in Filer. DeDe was the backbone of the business, doing everything from being the cook to doing the books.

After the death of her husband in 1998, DeDe moved to Wenatchee, WA, to be closer to her sons and their families. After selling the farm and store, DeDe was able to travel to many exotic places around the world and always had a sense of adventure. She traveled to Aruba, Panama Canal, Mexico, New Zealand, China, Greece, Tibet, Ireland, Taiwan, and the island of Bonaire. She always enjoyed taking road trips with friends and family around the United States. Her traveling buddies are too numerous to list, but most would say there was never a dull moment when DeDe was around.

In retirement, DeDe volunteered as a guardian ad litem for children, ombudsman for vulnerable adults and served as a cook at senior centers.

DeDe loved being a grandmother to her grandkids and step-grandkids. She leaves behind countless endearing friends and those that loved her the most and called her sister, G-ma, Gramma "D", grandma Crown, Auntie Dee, and mom.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at Telford's Chapel of the Valley, 711 Grant Road, East Wenatchee, WA. Memorial donations may be made to the Wenatchee Valley Senior Center. Arrangements are by

Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA.