



## Diann A. Robards

October 10, 1943 - August 29, 2016

Diann Robards

East Wenatchee, WA

Diann Robards, 72, passed away August 29, 2016, surrounded by her loving family. Diann was born on October 10, 1943, to Robert and Katherine Stallman

in Spokane, WA. She attended her early school years there and later, lived in the Coulee Dam and Bridgeport area, as her father worked on the construction

and maintenance of the dams. They moved to Wenatchee, where she attended

Wenatchee High School, graduating in 1962.

Diann met Steve Robards early in 1964 and they were married in August of that

year. The following years, she followed Steve to New Jersey and California to put in his military time, which eventually sent him to Turkey for a year, while Diann stayed in Wenatchee. Diann and Steve moved around the state as

Steve worked for the Department of Fish and Wildlife, managing fish hatcheries. During this time, they had two daughters, Wendy and Leanne,

which

became the center of her life. As the girls got older, Diann started volunteering in the local school in the Special Education classroom and fell in love with working with the kids and eventually ended up with an Aide position in Yakima and later, Chelan. She enjoyed cooking, sewing and gardening.

A new excitement and love came into her life with the addition of grandchildren to nurture and care for. The grandkids would visit Steve and Diann at the Chelan Fish Hatchery and soon they were affectionately called Grandma and Grandpa Fish. With Steve's pending retirement, they bought a house in East Wenatchee, WA, and were near her daughter, Leanne, and the three grandkids, so lots of special time with them was enjoyed. Not too many years later came another very special event, as they were blessed with three great-grandchildren that she dearly loved and enjoyed.

Diann is survived by her husband, Steve Robards; daughters: Wendy Robards (Dan) of Seattle, WA, and Leanne Miller (Scott) of East Wenatchee, WA; sister, Marilyn McComas (Doug) of Wenatchee, WA; brother, Dale Stallman (Linda) of Vancouver, WA; grandchildren: Travis Opel of Spokane, WA, Skyler Opel (Brittini) of Cashmere, WA, and Erin Robards of Bellingham, WA; great-grandchildren: Trenton, Alex and Noah.

A Graveside Service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Park at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 1, 2016, with a family and friends potluck get-together following at Douglas County Park. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the

Valley, East Wenatchee, WA.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Diann. I went to school with her in Bridgeport, and have fond memories of her. She was such a nice person, and everyone liked her. She was fun and we all grew up in our little Norman Rockwell town.  
My condolences to her family, especially her sister Marlyn.

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