



## Joy Deich

January 18, 1936 - January 19, 2023

Our beloved mom, Joy Deich, reunited with our father, Jim, in Heaven one day after her 87th birthday. Born in Carthage, Missouri on January 18, 1936, Joy graduated from Southwest Baptist College with her Associate's Degree in Education and received her B.A. in Education from Pittsburg State University in Kansas. She pursued her life passion of teaching and helping children. She married Jim in 1960 and they moved to Cashmere where she taught junior high school for over 30 years. She especially loved teaching children to read. After a wonderful career, she and Jim moved to East Wenatchee in 1982 where Joy continued to share her love of reading by tutoring children for free in the community for many years. In addition to teaching, mom enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She treasured hosting get togethers, working in her yard, and trying new recipes. She enjoyed reading and was a fantastic Scrabble player. Most of all, she treasured being a mom, a "Nanny" and a great-grandma.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Jim, six months ago; her parents; and siblings. She is survived by son, Rick Deich of East Wenatchee and daughter, Jacki Fischer (Ed Fischer) of Kent, Washington. She thoroughly cherished her four grandchildren: Joshua Fischer (Sibyl Knight) of Aptos, California; Eric Fischer (Anastasia Campbell) of Bonney Lake, Washington; Sam Deich of East Wenatchee; and Megan Deich of Fife, Washington. Jim and Joy enjoyed their two great grandchildren, Teddy and

Fiona Fischer, along with numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her life-long friend, Daisy Fukuzawa, and she had a special friendship with JoDee Wixom.

We would like to thank Brett Hearl and the team at Confluence Health's Geriatric Practice; the fantastic people at Tuscany Cottages Adult Family Home and her special caregiver, Amber Bowles, for providing such wonderful, compassionate care for mom. A special appreciation for Pastor Winterstein of Faith Lutheran Church for his spiritual care.

All are welcome to join us to remember and honor Joy's life on Saturday, February 25th, 11am at Faith Lutheran Church, 171 Eastmont Avenue, East Wenatchee, WA with lunch to follow. A private family burial will be held.

Memorials may be made to Faith Lutheran Church at the above address. Arrangements are entrusted to Chapel of the Valley in East Wenatchee, WA. To leave condolences and memories, please visit [chapelofthevalleyncw.com](http://chapelofthevalleyncw.com).

Mom, we thank you for living your life as example for us; for creating a loving family home; and for showing us how to live one's values. We love you!

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Faith Lutheran Church  
171 Eastmont Avenue  
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

# Tribute Wall

RR

“ We were so sad to hear of Jim and Joy's passing. They gave us our start in home ownership back in 85 when we first were married. We had very little to invest, and they allowed us a few years to make payments to where we could gain equality to refinance and pay them off. I'm not share we would be where we are today if it wasn't for the chance they gave us. Forever indebted”  
Randy & Wendy Russ



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**Randy Russ** - January 31, 2023 at 05:27 PM

MS

Thank you for sharing. Aunt Joy was one of a kind. She is missed.  
Marty Sitton & Sheri Sinclair.

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**Martin Sitton** - February 11, 2023 at 12:49 PM

JF

Thank you for sharing. What a wonderful memory. We are grateful that our parents taught us the importance of caring for others in this world.  
Thank you!

Jacki (Deich) and Ed Fischer

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**Jacki Fischer** - February 21, 2023 at 06:32 AM

LB

“ Joy was one of my junior high school teachers. My deepest condolences to her family.  
Linda (Adamson) Barta



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**Linda K Barta** - January 30, 2023 at 09:37 PM

JF

*Thank you! She loved children and she really enjoyed teaching!*

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**Jacki Fischer** - February 21, 2023 at 06:33 AM

TL

*Mrs. Deich was one of my teachers in Cashmere. You could tell she had a passion for teaching. I have not seen her in a long time but I want her family to know I send my Prayers for Comfort.*

*Tina Rolan  
CLASS OF 1979*

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**TINA LOGG** - February 22, 2023 at 09:16 PM

JA

*Thank you, Tina, for your very kind words. We sure do miss her. I am sorry for the delayed response as I am just seeing this. Warmly, Jacki (Deich) Fischer*

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**Jacki** - November 06, 2024 at 10:58 PM