



## Marilyn V. Gallaher

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March 1, 1937 - November 24, 2018. Lifelong Wenatchee Valley resident Marilyn V. Gallaher age 81 passed away on November 24, 2018. Marilyn was born on March 1, 1937 in Wenatchee, WA to John and Evelyn Knowles. She graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1955. That fall she went off to college and attended WSU in Pullman, WA. One quarter short of graduating from WSU Marilyn married Herm Gallaher on May 13, 1961, became a homemaker and started their family, raising 4 children. Herm was not only her husband, but her flight instructor and Marilyn found that she was quite adept at operating a flying machine. Marilyn achieved her commercial, instrument and instructor pilot ratings. After the passing of her husband, Herm in 1986, Marilyn went to work for the Eastmont high school as the records keeper. In 2000 she accepted a position in the Student Development office at Wenatchee Valley Community College before retiring in June, 2005 to summers at her family cabin on Lake Chelan.

Marilyn was a tenacious card player, whether she was playing bridge, pinochle, or the occasional friendly game of cribbage, she loved to win. Marilyn had a fierce love of sports. All sports, baseball, football, college basketball, tennis, golf, there wasn't a sport she didn't like. Anytime you were visiting her at the cabin on the lake, there was always some kind of sporting

event on the television. She enjoyed watching the Seahawks and Mariners. Was an avid fan of the Cougars and every once in a while she could root for the Dawgs. Being at the cabin on the lake was the love of her life. She enjoyed relaxing on the patio, swimming in the water, but most important she enjoyed entertaining guests. If you had the pleasure of spending time with Marilyn at her cabin on lake Chelan, you got to see her soul. Marilyn was kind hearted, warm and gentle who was immediately loved by everyone she met. Her smile was contagious and she loved to laugh. She was infamous for her hugs and if you were lucky enough to receive one, you would never forget it.

Marilyn is survived by her children, Son, John Gallaher (Amber), Daughter, Bonnie Gallaher, Son, Richard "Dick" Gallaher (Michele), step son Boyd Gallaher (Donna), step daughter Leslie Stefurak and Marilyn's three grandchildren, Jake, Molly & Jordan; sister, Kay (Crandall) Christenson. Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, John & Evelyn; her husband, Herm; and her son Lyle.

A celebration of Marilyn's life will be held at the Campbell's Resort (Centennial Ballroom) 104 W Woodin Ave. Chelan, WA at 2:00pm, on Sunday December 9, 2018. In Lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society in Marilyn's name. 1474 S Wenatchee Ave. Wenatchee, WA 98801. 509-662-9577. Arrangements assisted by Chapel of the Valley, Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. G....you were simply the best! You were always there through out high school whenever I needed a friend or a hug, and it's true, you're hugs were amazing. You were so much fun during flag team. You always had a smile on your face when you came to the curbside for your soda at Maid O'Clover. Give Mely a big hug for when you see her!*  
*My prayers and condolences to Bonnie and family!*

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