



Mary Shanda

August 5, 2009

Mary Shanda passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on August 7, 2009. She was born on December 8, 1937, the youngest of three daughters born to Floyd and Anna Crane. She was raised on the family apple orchard. She loved animals and her pets, as a child, included a large turtle and a dog named Boots. After high school, she married Vance Gere Jr. and they had three boys, Terry, Troy and Scott. Mary was a loving mother and was devoted to raising her boys. They shared her love of animals and she patiently allowed the many exotic pets they brought home. As a single mom, she made sure they got to do everything boys like to do and she especially enjoyed taking them camping. She was a wonderful cook and worked many years for the Christopher House and the Council on Aging. In 1975, she married Wayne Shanda and their family grew to include Wayne's children, Suanne, Dianne "Laree" and David. After Wayne's retirement, they worked together at the Apple Shop in Wenatchee. Mary will be remembered as a devoted wife and loving mother. Her sense of humor and fun loving personality, kept her surrounded by many caring, special friends.

The family would like to thank her very special "support group" of devoted friends; best friend, Mona Stevens, Dennis Floyd, Virginia Volkman, Taylor and Sandi, the Glenn Harris family, and her faithful dog, Pumpkin.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne Shanda; step-mother, Wilma Crane; children, Terry (Carol) Gere, Troy Gere, Scott (Linda) Gere, Suanne (Steve) Robbins, Dianne "Laree" (Chris) Shanda, David (Jill) Shanda; two sisters; 11

grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, August 14, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at Wenatchee City Cemetery.