



## Rena White

September 1, 1927 - June 13, 2024

We are saddened to announce the passing of our family matriarch Rena “Faye” White, but rejoice for a life well lived, and are thankful for the example for our family to live by. Rena “Faye” (Dillard) White, of Wenatchee, WA, was born on September 1, 1927 to Earsel Eldon “Johnny” and Ruth (Hicks) Dillard in Calico Rock, AR. She spent her childhood in Calico Rock where she helped raise her 3 siblings (Billy, Marie, and Dean) after her mother passed when she was only 13 years old.

At 16 years old Rena “Faye” and her family relocated to Wenatchee, WA where she lived the remainder of her life. This move lead her to meet the love of her life and husband, “Jay”. They were married for over 70 years until his death in 2016. Rena “Faye” met John “Jay” White in 1945 and they married on Oct 5 of that same year. They were blessed to have sons: Dennis (1946) and Terry (1951), and a daughter, Renae (1954). John and Rena filled their childhoods with great fun! Disneyland, camping at Wapato Point, family barbecues, holiday games, and birthday parties. When they were adults, John and Rena gave them more than they could have ever realized and made wonderful memories now left to cherish.

Rena “Faye” worked as a waitress at the Mandarin restaurant, and the Chieftain restaurant. She would often remember her time there and the people she met, and loved to reminisce with them about it. She retired in the late

1980's and John and Rena were able to enjoy a long and eventful retirement. The days were filled with extended RV trips across America - Branson, Nashville, Knoxville (for the fair), Kansas City, Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, L.A., Canada, and her most favorite, Arkansas. Winters were reserved time for the home in front of the fire and the great family meals of the holidays. Rena loved her family, dogs, and shopping.

Rena "Faye", a humble woman who loved the Lord, was a past member of the Wenatchee First Assembly Church. On June 13th, 2024, she joined the Lord; her parents: "Johnny" and Ruth; sons: Dennis and Terry; daughter-in-law Theresa, infant grandson Mark Andrew White; her siblings: Billy and Marie; nephew Jomy; and her loving husband "Jay".

Left to remember our amazing matriarch are her daughter, Renae (Scott) Shales, grandchildren: Brandy (Tobi) Valladolid, Jason (Brandi) White, Sarah (Ryan) Edwards, Rachel (Jordan) Miller, Kristi (Ryan) Hane, brother, Dean (Joyce) Dillard, several nieces and nephews including special nieces: Linda (Gary) Conard, Judy Spence, and special great nephew Jerred Gardner, and several great grandchildren, all of Wenatchee, WA.

Our family wishes to thank you for all your prayers, cards, calls, love, and great memories expressed for Rena "Faye".

You are invited to attend a graveside service held on June 19th, 2024 at 10:00am at Evergreen Memorial Park, East Wenatchee, WA. Arrangements by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA.

God bless Rena Faye White.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN **19**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Evergreen Memorial Park & Mausoleum  
1301 10th St NE  
East Wenatchee, WA 98802  
(509) 884-4651

# Tribute Wall

MI

“ One word encompasses my thoughts about Rena. Love. A simple word really. But its a word that showed in all of her actions. All of her families actions. A feeling that all of us at RiverWest held in our hearts for her.

*I think about all the fake magazine subscriptions that we created to make sure Rena always had something new to look at. She despised boredom, and so what could we do but give her those pages to a new world. I look out her window at the dead shrub.*

*Rena only wanted to be able to see the passers by. That bush was too tall, and so we chopped it beyond repair to make sure that no one went by her window unnoticed. The many people that will carry her in their hearts for the rest of their lives and the kind advice that she gave freely will stay in their minds as they move along in life. I think of all the trips to walmart. Rena loved those trips. I know they were never easy, but the impact of them showed an astounding level of that word love that I only hope I will inspire in my own children.*

*Rena will be missed greatly. But she truly will stay with so many people that she touched along her journey, and in that way she is eternal.*

*Rest easy with loved ones who have gone before you Rena. We wish for you all the picture windows you could hope for and hope that you enjoy the show as you watch us all travel through life through life until we meet again.*

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**Misti** - June 19, 2024 at 11:39 AM

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**Theanne Aldrich** - June 19, 2024 at 02:26 AM

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“ Oh my...my Miss Rena Faye! I only knew her these last couple years but that woman had a hold of my heart from the start!! She made going to work more enjoyable and on the more trying days I could always count on her to make me smile! She was an amazingly beautiful woman with a heart even more so. My Love goes out to the family and friends she always held so dear and told me all about. Just know, Miss Rena was very much loved by me!  
~Theanne

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**Theanne Aldrich** - June 19, 2024 at 02:17 AM

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“ I have the fondest memories of Faye from my childhood when we came and visited in the 1970's with my mom, Vonda McGuire, and my grandfather, Reed Hall. She made me feel very special and I enjoyed visiting the Wenatchee area. My mom will be very sad to hear of her passing. Robert McGuire

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**Robert McGuire** - June 17, 2024 at 06:52 PM

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“ *Rena and my father were first cousins. My grandmother (Ollie Dillard Hutson) being the oldest of the six siblings and sister to Earsel "Johnny" Dillard.*

*Several years back I was privileged to meet Rena and her husband when they traveled back to Arkansas. For several years without fail, we shared Christmas cards and letters and then time and distance halted our correspondence.*

*Love and hugs to all of Rena's family and Dean at this time.*

*Jan Hutson-Lusk, Arkansas*

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**Jan Hutson-Lusk** - June 17, 2024 at 04:09 PM



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**Chapel of the Valley** - June 17, 2024 at 12:22 PM