



Karen L. Gunkel Martin

Karen was born on Aug. 1, 1942 in Fargo, ND. She graduated from South Kitsap High School in 1960. Karen endured a lot of pain and suffering from numerous health problems in the later years of her life. Her tired, worn out body could no longer handle the pain. She passed away peacefully in her sleep in the early morning hours of Monday, Sept. 19, 2011. Despite all her medical setbacks, Karen always remained upbeat and had a positive attitude. She was smart, witty and had a tremendous sense of humor. Karen was preceded in death by husband Vernon in 2009; a 30-year relationship. She is survived by 2 sons, Bryan Rice, wife Sarah, of Tacoma, WA, Dwayne Holden, wife Tammy, of Tacoma, WA, sister Julie Cox, husband Al, of Tacoma, WA, 2 brothers, Gene Gunkel, friend and companion Ann Peterson, Yakima, WA, and Steven Gunkel, wife Helen, Silverdale, WA, numerous nieces and nephews, neighbor and dear friend Vickie Lee, husband Chad, Barbara Kolppa, and long time high school sweetheart, Paul Loudermilk. Powers funeral Home, 320 W. Pioneer Ave., Puyallup, WA in charge of arrangements. Cremation and at Karen's request, no funeral services. A memorial service celebrating Karen's life will be held at a later date. Karen will truly be missed by her family, neighbors, and friends.

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