



## Barbara Jean Watson

August 31, 1938 - November 9, 2019

Barbara J. Watson passed away peacefully to be with the Lord on November 9, 2019 at Harmony House in Brewster following an extended illness and four year recovery from a stroke and knee surgeries.

Barbara was born in Spokane, WA on August 31, 1938, the daughter of Arthur D and Mary A (Stevenson) Foland. Barbara's father worked construction as a heavy equipment operator so the family moved quite often. The Family moved to Chelan the summer of 1955 as Art was hired to work on the new 25 Mile Creek Road. This was the summer before Barbara's Sr. year of high school and the family had come to Harverene Resort to find a place to stay that summer. By the time Art's job ended in the fall, Robert H. (Bob) Watson and Barbara had become sweethearts. Art took a job working for Bob's father Harold for the winter so Barbara could finish her Sr. year of high school with Bob in Chelan. She and Bob graduated together in the spring of 1956. The following September 8th, 1956 they were married in the Harverene Lodge. Following their marriage Bob and Barbara moved to Pullman where Bob attended College. Following their stay in Pullman, they both returned to Lake Chelan where they worked for the family business, Watson's Harverene Resort.

Bob and Barbara had two children. Vickie Marie was born in 1957 and Robert H. Jr. was born in 1960. Barbara loved kids. She and Bob started two 4-H

clubs in Chelan. One called “the Jr. Ranchers” and the other which was started with Janet Doty called “The Caballeros Horse Club”. It was during this time in their lives that they were also very involved with horses. In 1972 Barbara went to work at Seattle First National Bank in Chelan where she worked until 1984 at which time she took early retirement and returned to work full time for Watson's Resort as Office Manager for the business.

Barbara loved to fish and she fished Lake Chelan, the Columbia River, caught halibut in Alaska, salmon in Big Bay Canada as well as fishing in Mexico. Barbara largest catch was a 34 lb. salmon and a 6 ft. marlin. She loved boating on their 47 ft. Pilot House, mostly in Canadian Waters. She was the Pilot and Captain. Bob and Barbara spend many months during the winter in Mexico and later in Arizona. Yes, they were both Snow Birds. Barbara loved to golf and she and Bob had a place on the 13th fairway at Pueblo El Mirage near Phoenix. She loved to travel and besides traveling to Hawaii and Mexico, they enjoyed a wonderful trip to South Africa with their daughter and son-in-law.

Bob and Barbara played a major part in the Lake Chelan Fishery Enhancement Program as well as other such programs. While active members of the Lake Chelan Sportsman Counsel, they were presented an honorable award from the Washington State Dept. of Fisheries “Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award” which they were very honored to receive.

On New Year's Eve 2015 Barbara suffered a stroke while in Arizona. That next summer (2016) while recovering from the stroke, she fell and broke her hip. Since then she also had two knee replacement surgeries. In June of 2019 she suffered another stroke followed by other difficulties. The family is so grateful that Barbara is now free of earthly pain.

Barbara is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Robert H. Watson; Her

daughter Vickie M (Noel) Tanner of Spokane, WA.; Her son Robert H (Socco) Watson Jr. of Chelan, WA.; Her six grandchildren; Mandy M (Ian) Johnson of Burien, WA.; Robert H (Kristina) Watson III of Chelan; Donald G Watson and Hayley L Watson as well as her great granddaughter Kynnedi M Watson, all of Chelan.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents Arthur Foland and Mary (Stevenson - Foland) Blumenshien; step father John Blumenshein. Her brother Derald Foland and sister Marlene (Foland – Watkins) Young.

A note from Barbara's husband;

“I thank God that he put Barbara and I together for this wonderful life of 63 years. I still love her so much and always will. We will be together again to carry on this love affair. With Greatest Love. Your Hubby – Bob”

In lieu of flowers, you may make an offering to Camus Meadows Bible Camp in Barbara Watson's name. Checks may be written out to: Camus Meadows Bible Camp, and mailed : c/o Watson's Harverene Resort – 7750 S. Lakeshore Rd. #2 – Chelan, WA. 98816.

The family would like to thank Regency Harmony House of Brewster for the love and wonderful care that was given to Barbara the last several months.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Campbell's Lodge  
104 W. Woodin Avenue  
Chelan, WA 98816  
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<http://www.campbellsresort.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Jean Watson*



**Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel** - November 13, 2019 at 06:23 PM

MS

*Soooo beautiful*

**maria pimentel, socco's sister** - November 03, 2020 at 01:03 PM

PM

*Wonderful video & tribute to my cousin Barb. We weren't very close over the years , but always remembered family. How nice to see Aunt Mary & Uncle Art in the video. Lots of love & smiles showing with Barb . Love , cousin Pattie. R.I.P. Barb . See you in heaven one day . ❤️🙏*

**Patricia McCullough** - November 03, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ *Barbara Jean Watson*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM

JL

“ *Jaryl Lore lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Watson*



Jaryl Lore - November 17, 2019 at 02:00 PM

JL

*Remembering all the great times and memories our families shared together. So sorry for your loss.*

Jaryl Lore - November 17, 2019 at 02:05 PM

VT

*Thanks so much Jaryl. Wonderful times and memories indeed!*

Vickie Watson Tanner - November 18, 2019 at 03:07 AM

JP

“ *Jennifer Pacheco lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jean Watson*



Jennifer Pacheco - November 12, 2019 at 11:39 PM

  
Vickie  
Tanner

*Thanks Jennifer, for the candle and for the care you provided Mom.*

Vickie Tanner - November 13, 2019 at 12:26 AM

CW

“ *Cheryl A Williams lit a candle in memory of  
Barbara Jean Watson*



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**Cheryl A Williams** - November 11, 2019 at 05:32 PM