



## Cherrie Dee Cool

December 8, 1961 - February 24, 2024

Cherrie Dee Cool (Bennett) affectionately known as Twinks to most of her friends and family, passed away at home on Saturday February 24, 2024 after a short but valiant fight with cancer.

She was born on December 8, 1961, in Brewster, Washington to Carl D and Sharon L Bennett (Jackson). She attended Bridgeport Schools and graduated in 1980. In high school she was a Varsity Basketball and Volleyball player, Cheerleader and Homecoming Queen. She developed a love of horses and cattle working on her grandpa's ranch in Washington Creek near Chelan and the family cattle and wheat ranch on Pearl Hill NE of Bridgeport. She served in the US Army Reserve from 1982 to 1988. She attended Wenatchee Valley College and Spokane Community College and earned her AAS in Agriculture in 1985. She then attended Washington State University graduating Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a minor in Animal Science and Agriculture Economics.

She met the love of her life in 1981 while working at Campbell's resort in Chelan spending the next 42 years with him. She married Rod Cool in June of 1987. They were blessed with a son, Tucker, in 1991 and a daughter, Sammi Jo, in the 1993. After the birth of her daughter, Cherrie set aside her career in the livestock industry to become a full-time mom. She poured her heart and soul into it volunteering in their classrooms at MOE in Chelan and with 4-H and FFA projects. She was Jr. Rodeo mom, Soccer Mom, 4-H mom, FFA mom to her kids and many others. She fixed breakfast for fair kids at the NCW

and Chelan County Fairs for 14 years and was affectionately known as “Momma Cherrie” to all the kids who stopped by the camper. She was an Ag Teacher’s wife for 36 years which meant she chaperoned trips to State and National Convention, she coached teams, went on project visits, weighed pigs, judged speeches, and all the other things that come with that job. She was proud of her children for all they accomplished especially when both of them were elected to serve as Washington State FFA Presidents.

She is survived by her husband Rod of Chelan, son Tucker and his wife Haley, grandson Waylon and granddaughter Bryndle of Davenport, daughter Sammi Jo Sims and her husband Clyde, grandson Cleo and granddaughters Murphie and Ryette of Ellensburg, her mother Sharon Hammons of Pearl Hill, her sister Cindy Huey (Steve) of Brewster, sister Shannon DuClose (Keefer) of Wilbur, brother Terry Bennett (Lori) of Marysville, brother-in-law and sister-law Aaron and Carolyn Cool of Stevens Point, WS, mother-in-law Helen Cool of Chelan and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, stepfather, and brother Gary.

A celebration of life service for Cherrie is planned for North Shore Bible Church Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 11:00 AM.

Donations can be made to the Washington FFA Foundation State Officer Travel Fund in her name. Services are under the direction of Precht Rose Chapel of Chelan.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

North Shore Bible Church  
123 Wapato Point Parkway  
Manson, WA 98831  
(509) 687-3636

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Teri as I remember in 1979 my 1st year at Bridgeport was in my CWP class and actually took her classes seriously Teri was also on the 1979-80 FILLIES basketball team that was the 1st time the girls went to State My wife and I also lived in a house owned by her family our 1st year in BPort right across the street from them I am very sad we will be in Ariz on the 9th and cannot come to the celebration of life for her Would have loved to be there for Teri and all the other players on that team and meet her kids !!! Teri was WAY too young to be leaving us so soon I am sure Heaven is now a better place

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**Rick Holt** - March 04, 2024 at 05:09 PM

JB

“ Rod and Family,

*We are saddened to hear about Cherrie's passing and wish all of you comfort in the days ahead. Her support for the students and families in the Zillah and Lake Chelan Schools will always be fondly remembered by us. Please take care during these difficult and challenging times.*

*Jim and Rebecca Busey*

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**Jim Busey** - March 02, 2024 at 04:08 PM

DK

“ Cherrie brightened every place she went and every person she spoke to. Our family's condolences to her family.  
*Debbie Knaub*

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**Debbie Knaub** - March 01, 2024 at 04:43 PM

DP

“ So sorry, Rod and family. Truly a bright light where ever she was.

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**Donn Plew** - February 28, 2024 at 04:45 PM