



Vola Jean Walker

January 10, 1934 - November 20, 2018

Vola “Grandma Jean” Walker passed away in her Orondo home November 20, 2018, after an extended illness. She was born January 10, 1934 in Bates, Arkansas to Lonnie and Bonnie Reed (Ridenour). She married James Walker February 22, 1953 in Las Vegas, Nevada, having one son, Jim Walker. James and Jean were agricultural workers who chased the harvests from Arkansas to the Pacific Northwest, ultimately making their home in Washington State. After retirement, Jean loved nothing more than walking through the orchard, admiring springtime’s blooms or sizing up the harvest. Jean also greatly treasured her family, and instilling a strong work ethic and the importance of ‘getting a good education’ were priorities when raising both her son and teaching her grandchildren. An excellent cook of Southern comfort food, she typically could be found in her kitchen baking. Her favorite pastimes were shoe shopping, reading about our area’s history, Sunday drives, and drinking iced hazelnut lattes. Her good nature, quick laughter, patience, and level-headedness made her a treasured friend and “Grandma Jean” to all. A three-time cancer survivor and fighter until the end, Jean will be deeply missed.

She is preceded in death by her parents Lonnie and Bonnie, husband ‘Shug’, brothers CL, WC, Glen, and sister Helen.

She is survived by her sons Jim & Bill (Cheryl) Walker, brother Gary (Donna), granddaughters Stephanie (Bep) and her mother Barbara, Morgan and her mother Sue, step-grandsons Tyler and Greg, great-grandson Ethan, friend Jenny and her beloved dachshunds Oscar and Luna.

Graveside service Saturday Dec. 15th 11:00am at Riverview Cemetery, under the direction of Precht Rose Chapel. Celebration of Life to follow at Lone Pine Fruit & Espresso, Orondo.

The family wishes to give a special thank you to Dr. Garrison and the Confluence Health home care & hospice care team for their service.

Cemetery Details

Chelan Riverview Cemetery

401 Riverview Road
Chelan, WA

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 15. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Vola Jean Walker*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *jean...you were a great person..Loved listening to your rememberences of days of old. Your unique laugh made us all smile..Your voice ill always remember..Your love of baking your delicious pies..Your love for life and family..You are reunited with your precious family and God..May you rest in peace and love till we all meet again.Love eternal B*

Brenda Reed - December 15, 2018 at 11:21 AM



“ *Oh, Grandma...it's so weird that you're gone. I still have your lipstick you gave me in my purse and most of the sweaters hanging in my closet we're given to me by you. I can still hear your funny sayings and anecdotes in my head, and only after a moment do I remember that you're no longer here. You were the best; I'll always remember gathering seeds with you, thinning apples, going to Merle Norman for makeup, that train trip to Cali...see? I'm already smiling again. You always had my back. I love you!*

Stephanie - December 07, 2018 at 09:27 PM



“ *It's with great sadness our family has lost Jean our Reed family's matriarch. I'll always remember holiday dinners ,shopping,yard sales, and most of all your love for your family. I was blessed to have you as a sister in law for 52 years and sharing Babe with me. It' was a blessing to be with you in your last days. May you Rest In Peace now.Much Love Sis . Donna*

Donna Reed - December 01, 2018 at 12:51 PM



“ *Sister I already miss you but know you're hugging mom and our other sibilings in heaven. Love you lots! Your brother (aka babe)*

Gary Reed - December 01, 2018 at 12:00 PM

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“ *There are no words that could begin to express my gratefulness to have had Jean in my life. She will live on forever in my heart. I will always hear her words, feel her strength, and appreciate her kindness. I'm so thankful for all she taught me.*
You'll be so missed, but never forgotten.



Jenny Robelia - November 30, 2018 at 12:16 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Barry and Shannon Leahy



Shannon Leahy - November 28, 2018 at 03:57 PM