



Drenda Lorine Young

August 27, 1961 - May 9, 2023

Drenda Lorine (Downey) Young finished her journey in this life at home in Camas, WA under hospice care on Tuesday May 9, 2023. She was 61 years old. At the time of her passing her partner, Tim Gunn and Lianna Gunn Sarkkinen were at her side. Her Mother, Daughter and Son also attended to her hospice care. Drenda died of complications from liver and kidney failure. Drenda lived in the Camas area for the past 5 years. Prior to moving to Camas, she lived in Yuma, AZ, Austin, TX, San Antonio, TX, Virginia, and Jarrettsville, MD. She earned an Associate Degree from Harford Community College in retail management where she was employed by The Hect Company. She graduated North Harford High School in 1979. She played the flute and piccolo in the North Harford High School band. She enjoyed the band competitions and marching band activities.

Drenda Young was born on August 27, 1961 to Gerald Dean Dunnam and his wife, Priscilla Kay Codispoti. Drenda was born in Yuma, AZ at the Parkview Baptist Hospital. She is survived by her mother, Priscilla Kay Downey, her daughter, Alexandra McLain Wiesand, her son, Collin Ward Young, her brother Dale Downey, her partner, Tim Gunn and sisters, Jerry Nelson and Alyson Hehe.

Drenda lived life on her terms. She was known for her friendly caring attitude and enjoyed hosting her friends and family. Her rapier wit and sense of humor was enjoyed by any one she would meet. Drenda was fond of the 80's music and attended concerts in the local area when ever her favorite bands showed

up in town. She supported various fund-raising for CDM, North-West Wine and Food Society, and Cascadia Technical Academy. Her appreciation of the North West grew as she lived here and enjoyed going camping when ever the occasions would arise. She adored her partner's grandkids and one of her favorite activities was taking them trick or treating and family gatherings. Memorial services to honor Drenda's life will be held on May 25th, 3PM at Evergreen Memorial Gardens located at 1101 NE 112th AV, Vancouver, WA 98684 followed by a reception at 5PM at Nuestra Mesa located at 228 NE 4th Av, Camas, WA 98607 following the services.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I knew Drenda from her younger days in Brownsburg, Indiana. I was friends with her brother Dale as well. So sad to see this. Hugs to the family.

Debby Harvey - May 29 at 07:13 PM

KD

“ In memory of a beautiful woman . I know your walking with Angel's.

Karen Downey - January 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I'm so saddened by the news of your passing, Drenda. My thoughts and prayers are with your family and your loved ones-
The last time we spoke was in September 2022- we reconnected and spoke about me losing my best friend and my love in June of 2022. We also laughed about how my daughter Jessica was finally able to get her Drivers license! You had a big part of her journey on the driving side of things-
I pray you are at peace and if you happen to see my Stephen- please let him know that I love him so very much-
Until we meet again- Rest Easy my friend- AmyC

Amy Cross - June 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ With love and everlasting friendship,

Michelle and Ken Kobell - June 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Drenda was one of the most kind, loving, genuine people to ever bless the lives of those who touched hers...mine is one of them and I will miss her friendship and her great laugh more than there are words to express. The heavens have a bright, new star but part of her will always be here, close to heart.

Michelle Kobell - June 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Wish I had gotten to know her better. She always was one who seemed to think of others first

Karen McGregor - June 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Love you so much Drenda. You are an amazing soul.Love The Zadel Girls

Maria David Lizzie Sophie and Josie - June 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I remember how much fun we had in Skamania, Tim. Drenda will be missed.



Dan Foster - May 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ My condolences to Drenda's loved ones. I worked with her in Round Rock and remained friends with her while she lived in Austin and out in Camas. I just spoke with her within the last month and she had not mentioned she was ill. I am so sorry. She was such a beautiful soul. I always enjoyed my time with her and her animals. While living in the same apartment complex, we would enjoy girl time by the pool, usually with snacks of course. She was also a shoulder for me to lean on when I went through some unforeseen medical issues. I was able to visit her about 5 years ago out in Camas and we had so much fun visiting a lavender farm as well as attending the Kelso Highland games. She always made me laugh and I cherished her friendship. She is already so missed.

-Sarah
Austin, TX

Sarah Kluge - May 17, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Drenda Lorine Young - May 15, 2023 at 12:00 AM