



## Gena Lou Dissmore Baker

April 21, 1936 - November 30, 2023

It is with sadness in our hearts and gratitude for all she gave, that we share the passing of Gena Lou Dissmore Baker, our mom, our sister, our grandma, our friend, our everything. Gena was called home to be with her Lord and Savior on November 30, 2023. Gena was born on April 21, 1936, in Wenatchee, WA to Eugene and Lula Dissmore. She grew up in Entiat, a small town on the Columbia River. Many of her relatives lived just up the Entiat Valley, so she had a childhood filled with family as well as friends. As a young girl, she wanted nothing more than a little sister, and that wish was granted when she was eight years old. Luella Rose Dissmore was born May 31, 1944. Gena had the great privilege of picking her middle name, Rose, which she has gone by her entire life. Gena's younger years were spent with her little sister, working at her dad's garage, helping her mom in the garden, and outside on the trapeze that her dad had built. She graduated from Entiat High School as valedictorian in 1954. The school was across the street from the family home, so the school kids all knew Gena and her family well. Gena's Mom ran the school store and provided hot lunches for all of the students attending the small Entiat school. That next fall she began nurses training at Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing. She graduated with her Registered Nurse Diploma as well as her Associate of Arts Degree, in 1957. Later that year, she married Stan Baker, and they moved to Vancouver, B.C. where she worked as Staff RN at Vancouver General Hospital. Gena and Stan welcomed their first daughter, Colleen Sheryl Baker in October 1958. After relocating to Wenatchee, WA,

Gena worked at Central Washington Deaconess Hospital, as the Charge RN. This was not only the same hospital she had trained at, it was also where her second daughter, Cindy Lou Baker, was born in February 1960. Two years later, the family moved to Renton, WA, where Gena was Charge RN at Renton Valley General Hospital. Finally, in 1965, they settled in Ellensburg, WA, which became Gena's longtime home. Gena went on to get her BA degree at Central Washington University, in Health Education. She graduated in 1971, and taught Health Education at Ellensburg High School for two years. Gena also was the Paramedic Program Instructor at CWU for 23 years. Gena's nursing career spanned 50 years, including being the Office Nurse at Taylor Richardson Clinic and Director of Nursing Services at Gold Leaf Convalescent Center. In 1975 she began working at Kittitas Valley Hospital. While at KVH, she worked in several departments, and had many titles. Medical/Surgical Department RN, Disaster Coordinator, American Heart Association CPR Instructor, Emergency Department RN, Critical Care/Intensive Care Department RN, PostAnesthesia Recovery Director, Staff Development Education Director, House Supervisor, Employee Health Nurse, and Infection Control RN. After retiring from KVH in 2003, she became the School Nurse for the Kittitas School District for the next three years. Throughout her many years as a nurse, she touched multiple lives. Her comfort and genuine empathy gave those she cared for something to hold on to. We've heard from so many who have shared what she meant to them, and her positive influence on their lives. Gena poured her heart into her family and was a stellar example to all. She was a nurturer and guided her family, instilling in them the values of kindness, compassion, listening, loving without judgment and a deep faith in the Lord. Gena's greatest joy in life was being in the company of her loved ones. Her legacy lives on through the love and strength that she passed on to her family. Travel was an important part of Gena's life, especially in later years. Her first flight was to Hawaii in 1977, and thereafter, the world was her oyster. She cruised the Caribbean, the Panama Canal, the Saint Lawrence Seaway, the Mediterranean Sea, the Rhine River, and to

Alaska. She explored Jordan and Israel, visiting many holy places she had read about in the bible. She visited relatives in England, taking in London and the countryside around it. She met up with Greta, our 1977 Exchange Student friend, in Belgium. She marveled over Venice, Athens, Amsterdam, Paris and Rome. She loved the travel experience; each trip accompanied by good friends or family. We're grateful that she had the opportunity. Gena was raised as a non-denominational Christian, and fully embraced it. She professed at 11 years of age, and never looked back. She was devoted, her faith never wavered; she was sincere. She was a true servant of God and she served the Lord with gladness. This was evident in her life, as so many people were drawn to her pure and gentle spirit. She had a presence that radiated her love of God and spoke to those she had just met. Gena is preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Lula Dissmore. She is survived by her two daughters, Colleen Baker and Cindy Easley, sister, Rose Dissmore Hawkins, six grandchildren, Sarah, Nicole, Jennifer, Brandon, Blake, and Blair as well as 10 great grandchildren. We will forever carry her memory in our hearts. A memorial service to celebrate Gena's life will be held on Saturday, December 16th at 3pm at Evergreen Memorial Garden, Vancouver, WA with a reception to follow in the President's Room at the Inn at University Village. The family kindly requests that any charitable donations be made to Kittitas County Fire & Rescue.

# Tribute Wall



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**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 05:11 PM

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“ *Gena was a gift to all of us!  
Blessed to have been a small part of her life.  
Grateful to have traveled with her in April this year...so much fun  
spending time with her!  
Miss ya heaps much love.  
Rest easy,  
-devy ♡♡*

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**Devon Flintoff** - December 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KQ

“ *Gena was a beautiful woman naturally and spiritually. I remember  
her beautiful smile and with a beautiful spirit. I'm so thankful for her  
faithful life and I'll cherish her memory.  
My Loving Sympathy to all the family.*

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**Karen Lemke Quick** - December 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Thinking of you all at this time, Stephan and Karen Baker Nick and  
Holly Baker and Mckenzie and Greyson David and Katrina (Baker)  
Eeles and Owen*

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**The Bakers** - December 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I hope the wonderful memories you have will ease your sorry.



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**Debbie Langendoerfer** - December 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ In memory of a precious cousin and dear friend. With our love and heartfelt sympathy.



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**Rose Erickson, Lane and Sylvia, Kevin and Angela** - December 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AB

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

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Gena Lou Baker** - December 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM