



## Sharyn Jo Tanner

June 11, 1945 - January 29, 2017

SHARYN JO TANNER June 11, 1945 ~ January 29, 2017 Sharyn Jo Tanner, 71, of Ridgefield, WA, passed away at home on Jan. 29, 2017. She was born in Morenci, AZ to Joe and Doris Lockwood. Sharyn earned a Bachelor of Science at the University of Arizona. She worked as a Microbiologist, licensed by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (at the time she took the licensing test she scored the highest grade ever recorded in California). Sharyn was employed at significant institutions such as Massachusetts General Hospital. Statement from Joe Tanner: "I just lost my wonderful wife, friend and life partner to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). She was a magnificent wife, mother and grandmother - everything and anything that I could ever hope for. I owe everything to her and we had the best 47 years together that one can imagine. The hole in my heart is huge." Sharyn was an avid protector of animals and children, having served as a CASA in Clark County, and having engaged in fundraising and other supportive activities for many no kill animal shelters. Her favorite was Best Friends Animal Society, in Kanab, UT. Sharyn was the most caring person in the World with regards to the needy, disabled or animals. She had the biggest heart and regularly acted on her feelings and instincts by volunteer work, contributions and supporting worthy causes. Sharyn is survived by her husband, Joe Tanner; daughter, Kirsten Tanner; sons, Justin Tanner, Tiho Nedkov and George Nedkov (the latter two sons were adopted, originally from Bulgaria); her sister, Jacque Gillespie of Santa Rosa, CA; 5 grandchildren, Jordan, Alexa, Devyn, Grayson and Emery

. A memorial service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens at 12:30 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 2, 2017, followed by a reception at 2:30 at Cellar 55, 1812 Washington St., Vancouver, WA 98660. Please sign her guest book at: [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits).

# Tribute Wall



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“ My heart goes out to the Tanner family, and Sharyn's family. She fought as long as she could, with so much love by her side, every step of the way. I'm sorry not to be with you now, but I'm so glad I had a chance to spend time with all of you before Sharyn took a turn for the worse. You are all in my heart. Love Cousin Lyn

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