



Violet Tanke

August 2, 1931 - January 11, 2023

VANCOUVER, Wash. - We have lost our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. Violet Tanke, 91, passed away peacefully to be with the Lord Wednesday January 11th at Hood View Adult Foster Care a resident since 15 December 2022 under Community Home Health & Hospice Care. Mom was a devoted mother and home maker. She loved baking, canning and helping others.

She was born in Pompey's Pillar Montana, the daughter of Matt and Julia Wolff on August 2, 1931. She married Heinz Tanke on December 6, 1957 in Billings Montana. They lived and worked in Billings until May 2008 when they moved to Vancouver, WA. to live with their son and daughter-in-law. Heinz Tanke shortly passed in November 2008.

Survivors include son Roy Tanke (Shelby) of Vancouver, WA., daughter Janice (Tanke) Paulsen of Billings, MT., grandson Eric Paulsen (Amanda) of Billings, MT., great grandchild Elizabeth Marie Paulsen (Amanda Clark) of Laurel, MT., longtime friend Jeanne Foster of Billings, MT.

Preceded in death Heinz Tanke and Jeremy Paulsen (Grandson) October 2008. Five Brothers (Albert, Edwin, Elmer, Pete, Reuben) and three sisters (Esther, Helen, Ida).

Cremation will be taking place with no services

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 03:55 PM



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JP

“ Janice Tanke Paulsen lit a candle in memory of Violet Tanke



Janice Tanke Paulsen - May 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Violet thank you for the opportunity to meet you , Roy , Shelby and of course Kaddy.. Our time together was short. You made my day when i walked in the door with that beautiful smile on your face..You received your wish to be with your family in heaven. Enjoy your next journey and smile down on us.. Pam



pam Copen - January 28, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Mom this is not goodbye but until we meet again love your daughter Janice

Janice Tanke Paulsen - January 27, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *To my little friend of many years, I will so miss you and all that we shared and somewhere beyond know that I love you. Jeanne Foster.*



Jeanne Foster, Billings Montana - January 27, 2023 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ *Awesome! Rex and Lucy just hoping for someone to drop something.....OR do they know the right people to hit up!? Great pic!*



Eric Paulsen - January 27, 2023 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ Dear Sweet Grandma Tanke

There are many things I will remember from our childhood and the time we were able to spend with you. I for one will never forget that apple pie you made. I always looked forward to the holidays as I knew it for sure would be making an appearance! Oh so yummy! Jeremy and I also loved your chocolate chip cookies. Hey grandma do you have any cookies? There should be some down in the freezer you'd say go ahead and grab a bag to take home. YES!! Just know that we both loved you very much ❤️❤️❤️ I know you loved us with all your heart and sometimes as a kid or young adult you don't really comprehend what that means. I will forever remember your kindness and love. Say a nice hello to all the family for me.

*Love Forever
Your Grandson
Eric Paulsen*

Eric Paulsen - January 26, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *How Violet Tanke and Jeanne Foster met and become "life long friends" from then on. In Junior High in a wood shop class, I, David Foster, meet Roy Tanke. Later while in High School Roy and I got to be good friends. One day in the late 70's Roy brought his Mom over to my parent's house and Roy's Mom Violet, and my Mom Jeanne Foster, got to know each other. They become "life long friends" from then on. Who knows what secrets them two talked about. They burned up the phone lines for hours at a time and this went on for decades. This is a picture of Violet Tanke and Jeanne Foster that I took in May 2008 at Denny's Restaurant here in Billings Montana. Unfortunately this is the last time my Mom, Jeanne Foster, got to see Violet in person as they were moving to Vancouver WA.*

David Foster - January 26, 2023 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ Love you Grandma! 💖

Eric Paulsen - January 26, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Violet hosting a dinner party for Roy.
This picture was taken in September 1990 at the Tanke palace (house) in Billings Montana. This was right before Roy was leaving for Japan while in the Airforce. Pictured to the left is Roy, eyes closed darn it, next to Roy is I, David Foster, and to the right sitting at the table his Dad's Mother, and his Dad. Unfortunately Violet was camera shy that day. Also you can see Roy's dog Rex, and dog Lucy's ears. We all had a great dinner that day and special desert made by Violet. The beverage that Roy and I were drinking was a homemade concoction called slush that I made and brought. Even his Dad tried it. A good time was had by all. Thank You Violet! RIP and God Speed Violet. You will be missed by the Foster's.

David Foster - January 26, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AP

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Amanda Preston - January 26, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ We were so blessed to share Mom and Dad's Golden Wedding Anniversary (50th) celebration (2007) Vancouver, WA. Love you so very much mom and dad.

Roy and Shelby Tanke - January 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Violet was a wonderful aunt to me, I remember as a young kid when I visited Billings I would get to go shopping with her, Roy and Janice down town. After shopping we would take a taxi back to grandmas, these were the only taxi rides I had ever had till later in life.

I have such wonderful memories visiting them in Billings at their house on Nina Clair, always a fun time for me as a kid.

Always in my heart and memories, thanks for being my aunt and loving me, you will be missed.

Curtis Raines - January 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AT

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Violet Tanke - January 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM

FO

“ Violet Tanke

Funeral Home Owner - January 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM