



Margaret "Peggy" Whitley

March 15, 1945 - May 5, 2015

Margaret "Peggy" Whitley, 70, of Roswell, passed away on May 5, 2015, in her home with her family by her side. Peggy was born to Arthur and Annette Larson on March 15, 1945, in Bloomer, WI. She spent most of her grade school years in Wisconsin, and she graduated from Austin E. Lathrop High School in Fairbanks, Alaska in 1963.

Peggy was a Roswell resident, for the last 45 years. She married the love of her life, Ronald Whitley, on June 13, 1979, in Roswell where the two made their home and raised their family.

A loving wife and mother, Peggy took great care in making a home, where her family and friends loved to spend their time. She believed in the importance of family and was often the organizer of family events and holidays at her home. Her children and grandchildren remember her love and guidance. Peggy was a strong woman and was thought of as the "rock" of the family. Her love for people, as well as her kind and caring heart showed in the work that she did. For many years, Peggy was employed as a waitress in Roswell, most notably at Denny's on 2nd and Main, and at the Roswell Inn. Her customers knew her for the excellent service she provided, always with a smile, her beautiful spirit, and the rapport she established with people. Many customers became lifelong friends of Peggy's. Her co-workers also loved and enjoyed working with her. When she was not working, Peggy enjoyed taking trips in the RV, around the mountains of New Mexico with her husband, daughter and their best friends. She looked forward to traveling to Arizona once a year to see her boys. Peggy

was talented at painting and firing ceramics and enjoyed all types of crafting. During the summer, she would tend her vegetable garden with the same love that she put into everything and always had a good harvest to show for it. She loved taking long walks in the park with her Chihuahua, Mollie. Peggy was always busy in the kitchen. She made the most amazing meals and baked goods - always plenty of them! No one ever left her house hungry, and if they did, it was their own fault.

A member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Roswell, Peggy was known for her steadfast faith and devotion to our Lord, Jesus Christ. She was active in fellowship and Bible study groups and volunteered with other members of the church in the Community Kitchen, at the annual pumpkin patch, and VBS.

Peggy's family would like to extend their gratitude to the health care professionals who cared for our mother. Especially, Dr. Chechani, the staff at Lincare, the ICU nurses, and the respiratory therapists who cared for her during her stay at ENMMC. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, for providing excellent care to our mother who is deeply loved and missed.

A memorial service is scheduled on Saturday, May 23, 2015, 10:00 AM, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Immediately following the memorial, there will be an interment of ashes for Peggy and her husband, Ron in the Memorial Garden at St. Mark's.

Peggy is preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Whitley; both maternal and paternal grandparents; her father, Arthur Larson; mother, Annette Miller; stepfather, Lyle Miller; stepbrother, Walter C. Miller; and stepson, David Whitley.

Survivors of Peggy include: son, Robert Wells and his wife Sonya Cangemi, of Mesa, AZ; son, Brian Wells, of Phoenix, AZ; daughter, Aletha Whitley, of Roswell, NM; stepson, William Whitley, of Silver City, NM; step-daughter, Donna Whitley, of Silver City, NM; sister, Karole Walla and husband Leonard, of OroGrande, NM; brother, Jerry Miller and wife Jan, of Forney, TX; sister, Judi Christensen and husband Jon, of Arlington, TX, and her aunt, Eleanor

Springer, of New Richmond, WI. Others remaining to carry on her legacy are: 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories of Peggy with her family in the online register at andersonbethany.com.

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ Margaret "Peggy" Whitley

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ I used to work with Peggy at Denny's Downtown and she was always such a wonderful person. She always had a smile on her face and was always so happy to see her customers and coworkers making us feel like friends. When I discovered that her daughter Aletha and I were classmates since middle school it made me feel closer to Peggy. She will be greatly missed. My prayers go out to her family and those who loved her.

David Montoya - May 21, 2015 at 01:31 PM



Thank you, David. I didn't realize that the two of you worked together.

Aletha Whitley - August 24, 2015 at 09:16 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret "Peggy" Whitley.



May 21, 2015 at 03:01 AM

KW

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Karole Walla - May 18, 2015 at 09:53 PM

DC

“ Peggy was my second mom growing up, and Rob & Brian like my own brothers. She treated me like one of her own. Love you Peggy.

Dan & Nellie Carson - May 17, 2015 at 11:36 PM



Danny, mom was so happy when we met up with you and Nellie in Ruidoso. That was a fun time. Thank you for your kind words. She was the best mom.

Aletha Whitley - August 24, 2015 at 09:18 PM

AN

“ I will miss your e-mails and wonderful spirit. In the short time I got to know you, I came to love you and feel like I had always known you. Rest in peace.
Annmarie (Whitley) Martin

Annmarie - May 17, 2015 at 07:04 PM



Thank you, Annmarie. I know she enjoyed you and the effort you put into staying in touch with the "Whitleys". Maybe one day we will meet up.

Aletha Whitley - August 24, 2015 at 09:21 PM

MM

“ *Peggy, may you rest easy now. It was a pleasure to have met you and your family. Rest in peace. MaryAnn Murphy*

MaryAnn Murphy - May 15, 2015 at 06:50 AM



Thank you, MaryAnn.

Aletha Whitley - August 24, 2015 at 09:22 PM

MM

“ *My deepest sympathies Karole and family. Peggy was truly an amazing person. She was always thinking about Rosa's children and I will always love her for that. She is an angel now and looking down upon us waiting for when it is our turn to be in heaven. Soon, my sweet Peggy, soon!*

Mary Maes - May 13, 2015 at 10:53 PM



Mom always spoke fondly of you, Mary. You are an angel too!!

Aletha Whitley - August 24, 2015 at 09:24 PM

KW

“ *Love you so much, little sister. You always had so much energy and always were happiest when waiting on or serving others whether it was at work in a restaurant, at home with family, serving at the Community Kitchen or at church. We miss your loving smile and strong determination but are so thankful that the Lord has relieved you of the struggle to breathe and now has you serving at His table in heaven. <3*

Karole and Leonard Walla - May 13, 2015 at 09:14 AM



Aletha Whitley

Amen. RIP mommy.

Aletha Whitley - August 24, 2015 at 09:25 PM

JU

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Judi - May 12, 2015 at 10:43 PM

JC

“ *It's so hard to believe that you are gone. A part of me is missing now. But I know that you are in God's arms and are with Ron and Mama and Daddy. Watch over all of us. You are missed by so many. I love you Sis and always will.*



Judi Christensen - May 11, 2015 at 03:00 PM



Aletha Whitley

She loved you lots, Judi. We will take comfort knowing she is at peace now.

Aletha Whitley - August 24, 2015 at 09:27 PM