



Obituary

Born: Thursday, March 12, 1942

Died: Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Dolores Ann Berry, Age 76 passed away at her home Tuesday November 27, 2018. 'Dee' as she was known by, was the youngest daughter of Elizabeth Cooper Nelson and John Hayes Nelson. Born in Yreka, California, she grew up along the upper Klamath River, Beaver Creek area. She became an enrolled Karuk Tribal Member when her tribe was recognized in the 1970's. She married, Donald G. Kerr with whom she had four children, Deborah Harris (Stuart), Dawn Countryman (Robert), David Kerr, and Darlene Marie (passed age 3). Grandchildren; Jarett, Chase, and RJ Countryman, and Katie, Anna, and Mary Harris, as well as many nieces & nephews. She raised her family in Prairie City, Oregon until 1975, then the family moved to Wallowa, Oregon where they bought 14 beautiful acres that supported horses and cows and had a great view of the valley. Dolores met her second husband, the love of her life (she would often say) Cleve Berry while in Wallowa, Oregon. She and Cleve were avid hunters (moose, elk, antelope, deer), fishermen, mushroom hunters, and huckleberry pickers. She loved the horses in her life (J-Doodle), and had her special Australian Shepherds Snake, Kit and Maddie. While in Alaska they had a boat and loved ocean fishing and inviting friends and family up to share the view, life, and activities that Alaska offered. 'Dee' was always a hard worker finally retiring after 30 years with the USFS. She started off on the horseback 'trail crew' in the Malheur National Forest (John Day/Strawberry Mountain). She worked as switchboard operator, occasional fire crew, front desk, and finally purchasing agent. She served at USFS offices in John Day, Wallowa, Enterprise, Darby Montana, then finally in Ketchikan Alaska. She retired in Pendleton to be near family during Cleves illness. She was the typical horse-loving little girl who grew up to have her own horses and share her passion with like-minded friends and her kids. She had a talent for gardening, from large gardens to her home plants. She had thorn-less raspberries she carted from Oregon to Montana to Alaska that made their way back to Pendleton! Dee was preceded in death by her husband Cleve, sister Roberta Groves, brother David Nelson and her youngest daughter Darlene Marie. She is survived by her daughters Deborah and Dawn and son David. As well as her brothers Eugene (Hank) Nelson, Johnny Nelson and sister Mary Tolin-Young. The family will have a memorial service in Wallowa Oregon in the spring 2019. Details to come at a later date. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com

Service Summary

Funeral Service

Location: - *Not available* -