



## Obituary

**Born:** Friday, February 23, 1951

**Died:** Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Gay Lee Rasmussen

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2019

Gay Lee was born Febuary 23, 1951, in Ontario Oregon. To Lyman Glen and Lila Mae (Schram) Rya, Eldest of Three Children. She was raised most of her young life on the family farm on Ontario Heights. The family also share cropped from the time she was four at a white settlement near Vale and all over Ontario Heights. She went to school in Vale, Conkland lindberg, Pioneer grade school, Jr. High and Ontario Highschool.

She was in 4-H with Sewing, Cooking, beef, and horses, with her sewing going to stte. She was lso in FHA, FFA, and tennis in high school. She worked with her family on the farm and to earn money she would do odd jobs and trap for 25cents on gopher trails for the neighboring farmers. She won a scholarship and a work grant for Treasure Valley Community College. She worked at the college library and cafeteria. She worked at Lake Owyee Resort for the 1971 summer season where she met her first husband Denten E. Spragae Jr. where she worked as a maid, waitress, and cook. The resort gave them a free honeymoon, with an article and pictures. She worked at the Fireside Inn as a maid, Quisenberry Emporium, and Tagory bills. Shortly after their daughter Denise Ann Sprague was born they moved to Pendleton in 1973. She worked as a bartender/cocktail waitress at the Silver Saddle, Frontier Tavern where she learned to play pool, and at Harris Pine Mills. She had been captain of her pool team for the Frontier Tavern and took 1st several times. She also was secretary and President of the City Pool League. After her first and second divorce she moved back to Pendleton working odd jobs still with the Frontier and Pony Keg, Avon and her own Health Nutrition business, and a cage cashier at Wildhorse Casino. In 2000 she became disabled. She had been a long time member of the Eagles Lodge. She also has held offices in family community education, Elks Emblem Club including as President.

She is survived by her husband Paul Rasussen, married 1982-2019 for 37 years. Daughter Denise Sprague, grandson Zachery Sprague, and great grandson Damian Grayson Wayne Sprague, of Pendleton. Then her parents, brother Gray Ryan and 9Ginny) and two nieces of Salem Oregon, Sister Lori Anderson (Jamie) of Canby Oregon and nephew of Ontario Oregon, step children Karls Rasmussen, Janelle

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## Service Summary

### Visitation

3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Mon Jan 28, 2019

3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Tue Jan 29, 2019

3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Wed Jan 30, 2019

### Burns Mortuary

336 SW Dorion Avenue  
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

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### Celebration of Life

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Thu Jan 31, 2019

### Eagles Lodge

McVickec (Scott) of Grand Island, Nebraska, and Ryan Rasumssen (Heather) of Ashland Oregon. Five step grandchildren, and many dear friends.

She was loved by all.

Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the Eagles Lodge in Pendleton, Oregon. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

Sign the online guestbook at [www.burnsmortuary.com](http://www.burnsmortuary.com)