

Janet Wilhelm

Danekas Funeral Chapel

Obituary

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In Loving Memory

Janet Averil (Wilson) Wilhelm

August 19th 1934 to August 15th 2021

Born August 19th 1934 in Redlands, CA to parents Letha Averil (Kolb) Wilson and Arthur "Pug" Wilson. She was preceded in death by her parents and her younger brother and sister Roger Arthur Wilson and Raynelle Olive (Wilson) Martin.

The Wilson family relocated to Newberry Springs, CA in 1946. Janet graduated from Barstow Union High School in 1952. She attended Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, CA from 1953 to 1954. After Dennis returned from Germany during the Korean War she and Dennis were married on May 27th 1955 at the Wee Kirk of the Heather Chapel, the original Las Vegas wedding chapel. Janet and Dennis lived in Ontario, CA and Janet worked for Pacific Aeromotive in Chino, CA until they relocated to Barstow, CA in the early summer of 1956.

Her first son Wesley was born in August of 1956 and sons Walter, Wyndell and Wilton followed every five years over the next 20 years.

Janet opened a knit shop called the "Knit Nook" in the old Beacon Hotel on Main Street in Barstow. She later expanded the business and moved it to

Williams Street next to the Bank of America. After she closed the Knit Nook, she became the office manager for the Barstow Fire Department. She later moved to become the Assistant Finance Manager for the City of Barstow. During this time, while raising four boys and working full time, she earned her Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Redlands. Janet was exceptionally active in Soroptimist, Junior Women's Club, Women's Club, ABWA, and AAUW. Janet's hobbies and passions included knitting, crocheting, sewing, reading, gardening and of course archery.

Janet retired from the City of Barstow in 1995 and with Dennis began rehabilitating her beloved ranch in Valley, WA while designing and building her and Dennis' cabin. They moved into their completed cabin in 2002 where she spent the remaining years of her life with Dennis. Janet is survived by her beloved husband of 66 years Dennis Gibbs Wilhelm, her four sons and daughters in law, 10 grandchildren and 7.5 great grandchildren.

Dennis and family request that in lieu of gifts or flowers you make a donation to your charity of choice in Janet's honor. Danekas Funeral Chapel is entrusted in care.

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