



Joanne Marie Dimond

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Joanne Marie Dimond, daughter of Claire and Arnold Schaefer, peacefully passed away on Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, in Roy, Washington, while surrounded by family and loved ones. Joanne was born on Thursday, Dec. 14, 1944, in Tacoma, Washington.

In her early life, she grew up off K Street in Tacoma, before eventually moving to the Schaefer Family Farm in Puyallup, Washington. Joanne grew up working on the Schaefer family dairy farm milking cows. She was a graduate of Puyallup High School's class of 1963.

She is survived by her husband, Robert E. Dimond III; her sister, Janet Burris; her children, Robert Dimond IV, James Dimond and John Dimond; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Claire and Arnold; her brothers, Robert Schaefer and Vern Schaefer; and stepdaughter Kim Dimond.

Joanne married Robert E. Dimond III on Aug. 15, 1964, and the two spent over 61 years together - recently celebrating their 61st anniversary together in August of 2025. The two met at the United Service Organization (USO), where Joanne was a donut dolly and served donuts and coffee to servicemen. Her husband Robert said, "the moment I saw her, I knew that I was going to marry her."

Over the course of their marriage, Joanne and Robert built and created a large family. She is survived by their sons Robert E. Dimond IV (Claudia Main); James Dimond (Karen Dimond); John Dimond (Cynthia Dimond); and stepdaughter Brenda Dobson (Wayne Dobson). She was preceded in death by stepdaughter Kim Dimond (George Bunn).

According to their son, Robert, Joanne "ruled the house with a wooden spoon."

Joanne is survived by her beloved grandchildren, including Kattrina Wise, Jermaine Yeldon, Jasmine Yeldon, Chloe Yeldon, Jessie Whitehead, Jennifer Gunn, Kellie Morgan, Cassie Alexander, Sara Dawson, Ryan Dimond, Mary Dimond and Jacob Dimond. Joanne is also survived by her



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nephew, Doug Reed, and her niece, Jackie Reed-Koonce, and by numerous great grandchildren, who she loved and cherished tremendously.

Throughout her life, Joanne was actively involved as a Cub Scouts denmaster while her children grew up. She also held jobs at the Puyallup Fairgrounds with Duris Farm and Fisher Scones. Joanne battled multiple sclerosis (MS) for over 40-years and fought her battle with grace and dignity - never once complaining about her condition. She was also inspired to help others living with MS. Joanne was part of an in-home MS support group where members discussed related issues and solutions, different treatment options- all while in the comforts of a family-like environment.

Despite her condition, Joanne lived life with a positive attitude and a bright smile on her face. She thoroughly enjoyed spending quality time with her family and friends, and never once passed up an opportunity to sit beneath the warm sunshine.

In lieu of flowers, the Dimond family has requested that donations be made to the MS Society, or to Puget Sound Home and Hospice for the incredibly loving care they gave to Joanne.



Chapel Service with Graveside to Follow

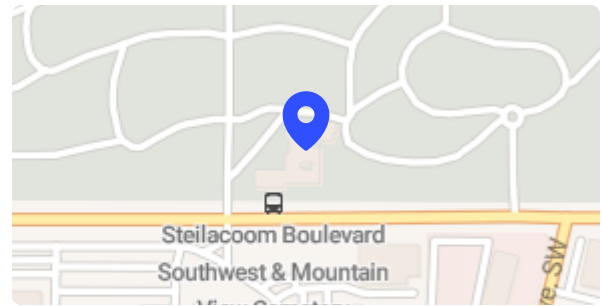
Monday, November 24, 2025

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM PT

Garden Chapel

4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood WA 98499

- Those not wishing to go to the graveside may go to the Oak room of the Celebration of Life Center (follow blue line on the main memorial park road to find the building).



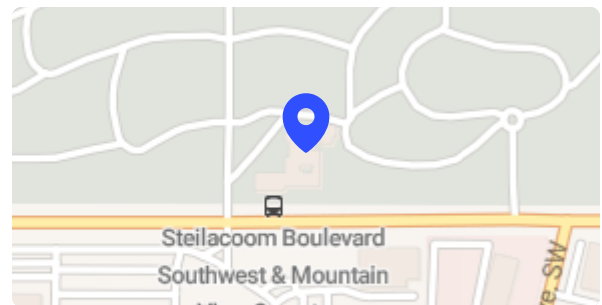
Reception following the graveside

Monday, November 24, 2025

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM PT

Oak Room at Mountain View Celebration of Life Center

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Annie Wheeler posted:

Joanne's legacy lives through the kindness she showed to others. I was fortunate to live with the Dimond's and will never forget how they extended their home to my daughter and I. Joanne always made us feel welcomed and included. I will always cherish our time together. Her memory is one of love and generosity. I will always be grateful for the blessing to have known her. Our condolences to the Dimond family.

November 17 at 7:50 PM

WR

William Reynolds posted:

Joanne was always so very pleasant. I don't think I ever heard her say anything negative about anyone. Always made you feel welcome. I will truly miss her warm smile and loving eyes.

November 15 at 10:15 PM



Michele Forgues Lackie posted:

Joanne was a remarkable woman, mother, friend, support system & human. Her welcoming nature. Her mothering soul. Her complete lack of judgement - that I have never experienced in another human. Were pieces of the puzzle that made her so incredible. Everyone was family, more than that, we all FELT like family. The warmest heart anyone could ever have.

November 15 at 7:34 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joanne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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