



LaVerne L Bruce

October 14, 1934 - June 10, 2021

LaVerne L Bruce, age 86, passed away peacefully at Guardian Angels in Richland and was reunited with her husband and family in heaven. Her last days were spent surrounded by her family.

LaVerne was born in 1934 to Dallas and Opal Long in Pomeroy, WA. She and her two sisters grew up in Dayton, WA. Growing up, she loved to be outside on the farm helping her dad, any chance she got! Her family also spent a lot of time camping in the Blue Mountains. LaVerne was chosen to represent her classmates at Evergreen Girls State in 1951. She was also the May Queen of Dayton High School in 1952.

She married her high school sweetheart, Tommy Bruce in 1953 and were married 65 years. They settled in Pasco in 1961 where they raised their three children Pam, Kevin and Cindi.

In 1975, they moved out to the farm where they were dryland wheat farmers off of the Kahlotus Highway. LaVerne was the head harvest cook, parts runner, wheat elevator attendant, CB base monitor (Dittio), and occasional wheat truck driver. She was the glue to the whole operation at the farm.

LaVerne was the sole school bus driver for 25 years in the Star School District. She loved driving the children to school, taking them on field trips, and being an instructional aide in the one-room schoolhouse.

All of her grandchildren all have fond memories with her on the farm baking cookies, helping with harvest, canning, cooking, and watching the moon come up over the hill on the porch swing. She could cook anything from scratch and many of her recipes are still family favorites. LaVerne loved hosting large family gatherings at the farm where special memories were always made and family traditions created.

After retiring from the farm in 1999, they moved back into Pasco. Tom and LaVerne enjoyed their later years snowbirding in their fifth wheel to Arizona. She loved crafting, sewing, ceramics, quilting, baking, cooking, and listening to Gaither Homecoming music. LaVerne was a longtime member of Faith Assembly Christian Center in Pasco. She was a sweet, gentle soul with a beautiful, kind smile and a strong faith in God.

LaVerne is survived by her three children: Pam Williamson, Kevin (Janee) Bruce, and

Cindi (Ron) McDonald, along with 9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at the Pomeroy cemetery on June 28th at 11:00. A celebration of life with family and friends will follow at the Pataha Flour Mill. The family invites you to sign the tribute wall at <http://www.muellersfuneralhomes.com>. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to Chaplaincy Hospice. A special thanks to Guardian Angel homes and the Vineyard Home staff and Hospice for their care and support.

Cemetery

Pomeroy City Cemetery

Pomeroy, WA, 99347

Events

JUN 28 **Graveside Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ LaVerne Bruce will always be Mrs. Bruce to me. She drove school bus for Star School when I was kid. She was a most patient, kind and tolerant woman to put up with us bratty kids with our high energy and always goofing around on the bus. There was a radio on the bus with a cassette player and she would put in country music cassettes. I remember singing to the top of my lungs, Mama, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys. I laugh to think how she put up with us.

Rest in Peace, Mrs. Bruce.

Sina Michelle Pierret
Denver, Colorado

Sina Pierret - July 29 at 10:59 PM



“ Laverne was an amazing woman. I had the great opportunity of working at Guardian Angels and taking care of her for a year or two. I was there from the beginning when her husband and her both moved in. She was a beautiful soul inside and out who loved her family so much. You are going to be dearly missed sweetie. Rest peacefully now you are with your husband and at peace. To your family my condolences at this time. I sure loved your mother and she was just a wonderful woman all in all.

Billie Mosley - June 22 at 12:43 PM



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Billie Mosley - June 22 at 12:42 PM



“ We will miss her at the Vineyard. My last memory of her was a couple weeks ago. I brought my two dogs in to visit my mom and LaVerne held her doll down so it could see the dogs. I thought she must have loved being a mom! She and my mom have shared a table for meals for as long as my mom's been in the Vineyard. It just won't be the same. Becky Minister (Wilma's daughter)

Becky Minister - June 18 at 10:15 PM



“ Thank you. I will miss your mom, too. Tell her I hope she finishes that last puzzle we were working on!

Pam Williamson - June 18 at 11:41 PM



“ Thank you Becky. I will miss visiting your mom. Tell her that she needs to finish that last puzzle we were working on.

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Billie - June 22 at 11:26 AM



“ LaVerne shared the Guardian Angel Vineyard house with my mom. I so enjoyed her. She always had a smile and a kind word. I have such good memories of her over the last two years. You will miss her every day and be grateful that you had her.
Teresa Knirck

teresa knirck - June 16 at 10:54 PM



“ Thank you. We share a lot of time visiting our moms.

Pam Williamson - June 18 at 11:46 PM