

Date of Birth
Jan 19, 1936



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Janis Capezzoli Anderson

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little people with much love and kindness in the classroom. Great teacher for sure! Janis met her first husband, Marlin Stephenson, at the Cow Palace Rodeo while attending college and later married in 1957. This union gave them 2 daughters, Mary and Lori Stephenson. Years passed and time led them down separate paths. With much happiness for Janis and her 2 daughters, Jerry Anderson met and fell in love with all 3 of them. We were all blessed with their marriage on February 8, 1973. Janis enjoyed being a substitute teacher and homemaker while helping Jerry with his Roper's Supply business and later his real estate profession. When Janis met Jerry, she had only roped in the branding corral. Jerry gave her his good horse, Ol' Bud, and soon she was very competitive in the roping arena. Janis took great pride in being able to rope with Brady and Riley at age 70. Our family spent many years together enjoying the great sport of team roping. Watching her grandsons compete at the NFR was her greatest thrill by far. In 1993, Janis auditioned to be chosen as a Rodeo Grandma for Washington Mutual Bank. She team roped with her 5-year-old grandson, Riley Minor, riding his pony and together they were successful. Janis was known for her talents in riding and roping. For more than a decade, the Ellensburg Rodeo Grandmas were in commercials and made several appearances giving Ellensburg national recognition. On September 1, 2016, the Rodeo Grandmas were inducted into the Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame. What an honor for Janis to be recognized and deliver her speech at the ceremony. Her highlight of the evening was when she introduced her great grandson, Maverick John Minor, to the crowd. He is 18 months old and will be a future 5th generation Ellensburg Rodeo cowboy. Janis was so proud to be a great grandma to Maverick. Her life was complete when she watched her grandson, Brady Minor, give Maverick a ride in the Ellensburg Rodeo Arena after roping his steer on Friday, September 2, 2016. Janis is survived by her husband, Jerry, along with daughters, Mary Minor and Lori Fishburn, as well as her sister, JoAnn McClelland, and nephews, Bob McClelland and Nathan Habben. Mary's family includes Brent, Brady, Ashley, Maverick, Riley and Jordan. Lori's family includes Dan, Britt, and Kasadi. She will be remembered as a very loving wife, mom, granny, and great granny. Janis had so many friends whom she dearly loved and truly enjoyed her time spent visiting with them. Thank goodness for unlimited cell minutes! Janis also loved her great granddogs, Miley and Madonna, and they loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Dorothy Capezzoli; niece, Debbie Habben; stepson, Curtis Anderson; and her great

grandson, Blaise Buck Minor. We find peace and comfort knowing that they are reunited. With a happy heart, Janis can ride and rope again and enjoy being a cowgirl. There will be a Celebration of Life for Janis on Sunday, September 18, at 12 noon being held in the Teanaway Hall at the fairgrounds. Please join us for lunch and fellowship by sharing a special memory of Janis for our family to treasure until we meet again. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame at Box 374, Ellensburg, WA, 98926 or a .

Memories of Janis

