



Charmaine Lynne Wood

February 2, 1957 - February 7, 2026

Charmaine Lynn Wood Alarcon (née Gillmere), lovingly known to family and friends for her vibrant spirit and creativity, grew up in Skykomish, Washington, where she graduated from high school. She went on to pursue her passion for art in Anacortes, Washington, earning an Associate's degree in Graphic Arts.

Charmaine spent many years building a life and raising her family with her husband of 30 years, Francisco Alarcon, in Bellingham, Washington. In later years she settled in Lynden, Washington, on family property.

She was known for being full of spirit, outgoing, and deeply passionate about the people she loved. In her early life she especially enjoyed the outdoors—camping, hiking, and exploring the beauty of the Pacific Northwest.

Charmaine also had a deep artistic side. She loved setting up an easel in a park to paint the scenery around her or recreate scenes from memory. Her creativity extended into designing clothing and making imaginative Halloween costumes for her children—many years finding the family dressed in her latest creations, from Batman costumes to whatever idea she dreamed up next.

More than anything, Charmaine will be remembered for her unwavering support of her family. She showed up for every milestone she could—dance recitals, wrestling tournaments, and countless events, sometimes spending an entire day sitting in the bleachers just to watch a few minutes of her children's

performances. Her presence and encouragement meant everything to those she loved.

Charmaine is survived by her brother, Loren Gillmere; her son, Colby (Lindsey), and their children Penelope, Charlee, and Cooper; and her daughter, Monique, and her children Frankie and Leandrew, along with beloved family dog Luna. She is also survived by multiple nieces and nephews. She was a proud grandmother of five.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Francisco Alarcon; her mother, Marjorie Stone Gillmere; her father, Joseph Wood; her stepfather, Richard Gillmere; and her brothers, Leslie and Ronnie.

Charmaine's warmth, creativity, and deep devotion to her family will be remembered always.

A memorial service for Charmaine will be held in the Spring.

Tribute Wall



“ I will always cherish the memories I have with cousin Charmaine. Especially her funny campfire stories she would tell us kids around the fire at the family property during family reunions. And of course the parties her & Frank would have at the house. RIP ♡♡



Ashley Geier-Stone - April 23 at 01:58 PM

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“ When we first moved here from Alaska in the fall of 1990 my son Beau wanted to be in Cub Scouts & Frank was the neighborhood leader. Colby & Beau were instant BF's Charmaine was in a leg cast & Monique was doing her girl stuff. The following year I was the Cub Scout leader so our two families started a close friendship. I'm a fellow artist so Char & I had a close bond which led us into taking china painting classes together. We learned basket weaving on the internet & went to the cedar mill to shave off the bark to make them. After the kids were in school Char would come over every morning for coffee & Martha where we got great ideas for projects that we did together & decorating- Halloween being the fav- we both loved making costumes. We had endless backyard cookouts and family gatherings- my favorite time of life ☐ I'll always miss & ♡♡ love my friend Charmaine ♡♡ My condolences & love to Colby & Lindsey, Charlee, Penelope, Cooper, Monique, Leandrew, Frankie & Luna OXOX Meri Jaklitsch

Meri Jaklitsch - April 20 at 07:43 PM

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“ *Susan Regan lit a candle in memory of Charmaine Lynne Wood*



Susan Regan - March 29 at 01:47 PM