



Berniece A. Ferrel

December 11, 1923 - November 11, 2013

Berniece A. (Tritle) Ferrel, 89, a former Leavenworth resident, peacefully slipped into an endless sleep on Monday, Nov. 11, 2013 at Riverwest Assisted Living in Wenatchee. She had been battling COPD for many years. She was born Dec. 11, 1923 at Kadoka, South Dakota to Frederick and Clarissa Tritle. At age 12 she moved with her family to Washington arriving at Dryden on April 15, 1934 a date she regularly celebrated as a holiday. Berniece graduated from Leavenworth High School in 1941 and married Charles Ferrel Sr. in 1946. They made their home on Ash Street in Leavenworth where they raised three sons, Charles Jr, (Chuckie), Dennis and Robert. Over the years Berniece worked at several local merchants including Shelton's Cafe, Carmody's Market, Schultz's Market, the Ski Tavern and for her sister LaVerne Peterson at the Edelweiss Hotel.

Berniece was an avid pinochle and cribbage player, golfer and bowler who for many years bowled in two leagues a week. Bowling was her favorite and she had well over 200 trophies and awards to show for it. Dust collectors as she called them. She was known by the locals for her brilliant white sheets that she hung with pride on the front porch to dry. Her favorite past time was ironing, which she did with a passion and was indeed a perfectionist. She had a very friendly and outgoing personality and made many friends over the years.

Berniece is survived by her youngest brother Vernon (Dorla) Tritle of Dryden, sons Chuck Jr.(DeVona) of Redmond, Dennis (Sadie) of Wenatchee and

Robert (Tess) of Leavenworth, three grandchildren Kamron, Alexis and Trina all of Wenatchee, one step grandson Darrin Brown and one step great grandson Gabe Brown both of Renton, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, grandson Brock Ferrel, three brothers and three sisters. There will be a gathering to celebrate Berniece's life on Dec. 14th at the Dryden Community Center from 1-4. The family asks that you jot down your special memories for our keepsake album or just bring your favorite memories to share. In lieu of flowers those wishing to make a donation please do so in Bernice's memory to their favorite charity.

There will be a private family inurnment in the Leavenworth Cemetery at a later date. The family wishes to express a special thanks to Riverwest Assisted Living, Dr. Rodney Crabtree, Sadie Ferrel and the Home Care Hospice staff and volunteers for the loving care they gave mother. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.