



Beverly Mae Bigelow

June 18, 1923 - January 27, 2019

Beverly Mae Bigelow, 95, was called home on Sunday, January 27, 2019, to join her husband, brother, family and friends before her.

She was born on June 18, 1923 in Stillwater, Minnesota to Vernon and Olive LeMon and after relocating to Washington state, her and her brother had a good life together with her parents. She attended Clover Park High School in Lakewood, WA.

Beverly married her sweetheart, Lewis "Jim" Bigelow on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1941, at her parent's home in Lakewood, WA. They enjoyed their married life, raising their 4 sons and were in holy matrimony for 71 years, before his death in 2012.

During the years that her husband served overseas in the US Army during WWII, she worked back at home helping at a factory that made supplies for the war and also at Western State Hospital in Lakewood, WA.

A few years after Jim returned home, they bought a farm on South Hill in Puyallup, WA. This is where they raised their four sons, Mike, Pat, Jerry and Terry. It was a great life for the boys growing up there, and many stories are told about the mischief and fun they enjoyed.

After Jim's retirement, the couple moved to Cashmere, WA, where they both owned and managed an apple orchard. Beverly also worked at the Blue Star Packing shed in Cashmere and helped in their family butcher shop.

During their married life Jim and Beverly were active square dancers and members of the Fruitland Grange in Puyallup. They also enjoyed camping and road trips together. She was an avid seamstress, home cook, baker, and quilt maker, who loved to play cribbage, or any game, inserting her unique little quips along the way. With her quick wit and a twinkle in her eye, she passed on her love and devotion for family to her four sons. Her independent and strong spirit was admired by everyone who met her.

She is survived by her sons Michael (Barb) of Cashmere, Patrick (Joy) of Port Orchard, Jerry (Renaë) of Omak, and Terry of Springdale, grandchildren Kellie Colkitt, Terri Voight, Shelley Bowers, Jeanine Prather, James Bigelow, Carolee Bagley and 11 great grandchildren.

Graveside Service will be held Thursday at 11:15a.m. at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, WA.

Previous Events

Graveside

JAN 31. 11:15 AM (PT)

Tahoma National Cemetery
18600 SE 240th
Kent, WA 98042

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Well Mom, you may already know that we let your ChiChi girl, who was just short of 17 years on this earth, cross over the rainbow bridge today, to join you and Dad and all her family who loved her and have passed before her. We were privileged to have her with us for 4 years and we loved her dearly. She loved Jerry and I, and our children and grandchildren and all of our Omak family, She will be missed so much, but know she is in your arms now and running in the green grass like a puppy. We love and miss you and will see you in the future. Love, Jerry and Renae

JandR Bigelow - April 20, 2022 at 08:59 PM

RJ

“ My mother-in-law was one of a kind. She lived her life with a tough determination to be admired. We are all blessed to have had her in our lives.

She was a hard worker and she enjoyed baking, sewing, mending, crocheting, cleaning, tending the house, doing outside chores alongside her husband, all along the way with that glint in her eyes and her quick little quips. We will miss her independent spirit her humor and her quick wit and cute sayings: "Hi Skeezecks, well hello skinnypins, Land-a-goshen, well I'll be horn-swaggled, oh my stars and garters, Holy Christopher Columbus, Oh piffles, well bust my khaki britches" . . . and many more.

Her love of our Father was never wavering. She now has all the answers to her questions about life and all things ~ as she listens to her Creator.

Renae and Jerry - February 08, 2019 at 03:39 PM

RJ

“ This is a poem I came across in a book that she gave me years ago:

After Life's Ball is Over

*After life's ball is over,
After the mourners are gone,
Some stand there in confusion,
Some follow after the throng.
When we see them cry in the silence,
When the heart is so empty and bare,
We try so hard to comfort them,
And let them know we are standing right there.
It's so hard to reach through the curtain,
When they don't seem to understand,
But we come to help them in their sorrow,
With the greatest hopes of sunshine for them on the morrow.
And now that I can tell you,
Won't you just let me say . . .
Look up and be the wiser,
Put your foot on the first rung of the ladder.
Start to climb where your heart will be a little gladder
And don't say I can't, but say I could, I should, I will and I can ~~~
The ball of life is over
And there's nothing here for me.
So I'll go on my darling,
But not too far away.
I'll come back to tell you and help you forever, day to day.
And when your ball of life is over,
We'll both go on our way.*

~ author unknown

Renaee and Jerry - February 08, 2019 at 03:23 PM

RS

“ Through the years have gone by you have a good friend always remember time that things at fruitland Grange and being nieghbors and good friends and have your son as our wonderful nephew times laughing and talking together you will be missed will always remember our friendship. Rosie Swalander

Rosie Swalander - January 31, 2019 at 06:59 PM

JA

“ I remember Bev being one of the busybees in the Fruitland Grange hall kitchen. She was always fun to work with. And boy oh boy could her and Jim Square Dance.

Janet Aschenbrenner - January 30, 2019 at 11:17 AM

MR

“ Maria Ramirez lit a candle in memory of Beverly Mae Bigelow



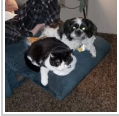
Maria Ramirez - January 30, 2019 at 12:47 AM

JP

“ Joy & Pat sent a virtual gift in memory of Beverly Mae Bigelow



Joy & Pat - January 29, 2019 at 11:42 PM



Mom was a special lady! She could be funny and next she had you on your toes. We were miss her terribly. She was a very good cook and she loved to sew. She made many beautiful quilts. She made a lot of baby quilts for her grandchildren. She will be missed very much love you Mom

Joy Bigelow - January 29, 2019 at 11:50 PM

JR

“ *Jerry And Renae lit a candle in memory of Beverly Mae Bigelow*



Jerry and Renae - January 29, 2019 at 04:33 PM

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Terri V. - January 29, 2019 at 04:27 PM