



Catherine "Cathy" Anna Reiber

February 1, 1930 - March 3, 2010

Catherine "Cathy" Anna Dormaier Rieber, 80, passed away on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. She was born February 1, 1930 at the family ranch in Dryden, WA. To Solmon & Anna Catherine (Verdieck) Dormaier.

Her early life was spent in Dryden attending Dryden School of which she graduated from in the class of "48". In 1942 Cathy became a charter member of the Cashmere Juvenile Grange, later in 1946 a 7th degree member of the subordinate grange of Chelan County. During her high school days, Cathy worked in the principal's office and after school at either two grocery stores in Dryden. In 1946, she became a Subordinate member of the Grange in the Seventh Degree.

A young man named Richard Reiber moved to the valley and along with his parents attended a Grange meeting at the Cashmere Grange Hall, Cathy being the host introduced herself. And on that evening Richard was to have said, "Someday I'm going to marry that gal." They dated all through high school. Upon graduation, Cathy went to work for the Seattle First National Bank in Wenatchee.

On March 4, 1950, they were the first couple to be married at the Grace Luthern Church on the corner of Elberta and Vine St. in Cashmere, WA. Their first home was in the basement of Frank & Irene Grant's in Cashmere, There their first son Steven John was born, He was delivered at the Leavenworth

Hospital on April 18, 1951 by Dr. Spear. Out growing that apartment they moved to the Egbert home in Dryden. Richard then went to work for Firestone Tire Co and was on the call board for the Great Northern Railway as a Switchman. They decided that they were ready for their first home and purchased one in East Wenatchee. On June 17, 1953, their son, Douglas William was born and also delivered at the Leavenworth Hospital by Dr. Spear.

On Jan. 4, 1954 Richard and Cathy went into the orchard business, they bought (along with her brother & sister in law, Ralph & Rosalie Dormaier) the Doss Payne orchard in Orondo. They still remained in their East Wenatchee residence. While there on Jan. 3, 1955, Betty LeAnn joined her two brothers. She was born at St. Anthony's Hospital in Wenatchee, delivered by Dr. Earl Bolton. On Nov. 17, 1958, Cathy went to work one morning only to return home that evening to find out Richard had moved them, lock, stock & barrel to Orondo.

They spent the rest of their years at the ranch, during this time Cathy worked along side Richard on their many ranches and also in Orondo Fruit Shippers, Inc., for 17 years, along with Ben Zanol, Jr. as partner, She was bookkeeper and sales representative. Cathy would say these were the most pleasant days of her life, for the wonderful people that she met and worked with. Herb & Dalton Thomas, owners of Oneata Trading Co. handled all their fruit sales during that time. Upon it's sale, she just kept the ranch books, cooked and fished.

In 1997 Richard & Cathy decided it was time to retire and enjoy life in another way. Cathy with her many hobbies in knitting, crocheting, camping and fishing with her favorite companion, her husband, with whom she has spent 60 wonderful years with. During her life time, she belonged to many different organizations, Orondo Social Club, Orondo Grange and Auxilary, PTA,

Orondo Ladies Club, Orondo Community Church, Emblem Club, The Grange Has Been Club, the Dryden Improvement Club, 4-H Club, and also a state officer in the State Grange.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Reiber at home; son, Steven J. Reiber of Steward, Alaska, son, Douglas(Kristi) Reiber of Orondo and her daughter, Betty (Bruce) Skelton of Orondo; 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Marilyn Dormaier of Cashmere; many nieces & nephews and a host of friends.

Services of Commemoration will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at Orondo Community Presbyterian Church, with interment following at Orondo Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Orondo Cemetery or Orondo Community Church or American Heart Fund or American Diabetes Association or your choice. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com Arrangements have been entrusted to Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 10. 1:00 PM (PT)

Orondo Community Presbyterian Church
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