



Deloris K. Rock

September 30, 1931 - February 21, 2014

Deloris Rock, 82, passed away on February 21, 2014. Deloris was born in Douglas, Wa. to Hayo and Katie Buse on September 30, 1931.

After 2 semesters at the University of Washington, she returned home to Waterville to marry Wayne Rock on March 4, 1950. They moved into the home Wayne built where they lived and farmed until Wayne passed away in 1998.

Deloris was actively involved with her 4 children's lives participating as a leader/helper to many cub scouts, Camp Fire Girls and Rainbow girls events throughout their lives. Wayne & Deloris never missed Waterville School sporting events, even after their children had graduated. Deloris was also an active member of the Waterville Rebekahs.

As an active member of the Waterville Lutheran Church, Deloris served as organist for many years while her 4 children were lined up on the front pew behind the organ each Sunday. Even after losing her ability to speak, she could sing every word of every hymn on Sunday mornings, which was always amazing.

Her many friends will remember their times together in "Supper Club", card playing evenings, camping outings and snowmobiling and eventually golf.

On May 12, 1994, while playing golf with friends, Deloris fell to a brain aneurism, which ultimately took away her speech and left her right side mostly helpless. She fought the symptoms valiantly and maintained her independent lifestyle up until this past September. Not able to speak, she found other ways to communicate that left little to be doubted when she wanted something. Deloris had a great laugh and maintained her wonderful sense of humor throughout her life. Her three boys would always try and get her to say who her "favorite son" was which always generated a laugh, a huge smile and a sincere "I love you". Despite the year's after 1994, Deloris was always positive about her life situation, very seldom did she feel sorry for herself. She always greeted friends, new and old with a huge smile that said so much. We all learned courage, determination and an inner strength from her!

Deloris leaves behind her 4 loving children: Kaydeen Franey, Burlington; Scott (Shannon) Rock, Moses Lake; Royce (Conce) Rock, Anchorage, Ak., and Stacey (Connie) Rock, Tacoma and her 2 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren: Erin (Ben) Creedy and Isabelle and EllaMae, St Joseph, MO. and Jody (Nick) Harkness and Schuyler and McKenzie, Nine Falls, Wa. as well as many friends and family.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Waterville Funeral Home.

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“ *Dear Rock Family,
Many years ago your parents were customers of Culligan Soft Water Service. For two years I was the Culligan man and came every four weeks to exchange the water softener in your home. Deloris welcomed me and made me be good.*

Sincerely,

Earl Tilly

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