



Dorothy Black

April 10, 1926 - March 9, 2012

Dorothy Marie (Specker) Black, 85 years old, went to fly with the angels on Friday, March 9. Born on April 10, 1926, to John Ernest and Margaret Hazel (Berry) Specker in Ree Heights, South Dakota, Dorothy lived a simple old-fashioned life in a rural setting and attended a one room school with all of her siblings. In 1936 when the dust storms came as well as the Depression, the family gathered some basic belongings, joined the Paine family and headed west to Wenatchee where her dad bought a fire damaged home for \$500 on the corner of First and Delaware. The house was rebuilt and the family moved in. Following the move, the kids continued schooling in Wenatchee schools, where Dorothy graduated from Wenatchee high school. As Teenagers, with her oldest sister Velma as driver, the Specker girls drove up to Waterville. A group of Waterville boys, pretending to be in college, followed the red headed Specker girls back to Wenatchee. That was the beginning of a lifelong love affair for freckle-faced Dorothy and Louis Walton Black from Waterville. They married and raised four children together. The Alcoa life took the Black family from Wenatchee to Evansville, Indiana; Massena New York; Addy , Washington and then to Vancouver, Washington with VanAlco. Retirement brought them full circle back to the Wenatchee area, living much of their later years in Cashmere.

Dorothy attended beauty school in Seattle with her good friend Beulah, and worked as a beautician in Wenatchee and Pullman. She kept up her license and continued to cut hair for family and friends. She loved to travel the world,

was a beautiful seamstress as well as a great cook and enjoyed skiing with Lou. She prided herself in "working out" most days since she was in high school and enjoyed making photo scrapbooks for her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter Tami Black(Olympia), daughter in law Bernadette black (Paris, TX), two grandchildren Allen Steckmest (Bozeman, MT) and Kate Steckmest (Portland, OR), sister Della E. Pederson (Yakima) and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, children Greg, Terri, and Larry; siblings John Delbert Specker, Dwight Specker, Lloyd Specker, Velma Specker Brunton and Marvin Specker.

A memorial gathering for Dorothy will be held at Sleeping Lady, Leavenworth, on April 14th at 2:00 pm

Arrangements are by Jones & Jones~ Betts Funeral home.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family on the online guestbook at jonesjonesbetts.com

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“ *My husband Gene Vanderheyden and I started our Alcoa home in Maryville, Tenn in 1953. Transferred to Pt. Lavaca Texas; Massena N.Y.; Vancouver, WA and retired in Wenatchee, WA. Lou and Dorothy were great people and I know how you will miss Dorothy.*
Sincerely,
Norma Vanderheyden

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