



Edna V McPherson

June 27, 1928 - April 28, 2010

Edna Violet McPherson, age 81, went home to be with Jesus on April 28, 2010 following complications from a stroke. She was born in Stites, Idaho on June 27, 1928 to Stanley Webster Chase and Goldie Estella Chase.

Her childhood years were spent in Stites, Craigmont and Lapwai, Idaho. She was the youngest of 5 children, having 3 sisters and one brother. She and her brother, Ernest, were responsible for taking care of the outside chores while her 3 sisters handled indoor responsibilities. Edna loved being outside and daily found herself milking cows, packing water from the river, working in the garden and tending animals. She has a collection of ribbons from her accomplishments in track, known for her speed. She walked two miles to school every day and to church on Sundays.

She graduated from Clarkston High School in 1946 and then married Vern McPherson on June 6, 1948 in Lewiston, Idaho.

Edna worked as a secretary at PFI Pulp Mill in Lewiston until the birth of their first son Greg in 1949. One year and one day later their daughter, Dawn was born. For the next 10 years she did bookkeeping for the family grocery business. She believed her place was home with her kids so the kitchen table became her daily workspace, complete with pencil, handwritten ledgers and adding machine. Bookkeeping was not a task that she enjoyed, but she was

always willing do her part.

In 1956 the family purchased a home on the Selway River where many weekends were spent along the river hunting rocks. In 1960, her third child, Ray, was born. The family moved to Lowell, Idaho in 1962 where they built a destination resort, known as Lochsa Log Cabin Motel located at the confluence of the Lochsa and Selway rivers. Edna took care of the motel office, greeting guests, tending rentals along with multiple other tasks such as cleaning cabins, washing and ironing sheets, keeping the books and making her famous potato salad for the restaurant. Edna always said of her salad “the secret is in the sauce”.

In 1967 the family sold the resort and moved to Whitebird, Idaho, where they remodeled and ran the Chief Whitebird Motel. In the spring of 1969 they moved to Riggins, Idaho where McPherson’s Import Export business was started. This was also where the well-known Mack’s Lure Fishing Tackle Company began around the kitchen table. Vern finally relieved Edna of her bookkeeping tasks and she quickly became an expert at painting glo hooks! In June 1976 the business relocated to Leavenworth, WA to be close to family. Edna retired from Mack’s Lure in 1991, and enjoyed their log home on the Wenatchee River. Her children still chuckle at the fact that she never really enjoyed catching OR eating fish even though she was married to the president of the company!

Edna taught herself to play the ukulele, harmonica, bass guitar, accordion and piano. She was a great whistler and one of the few people that could actually yodel although she usually had to be coaxed. She was a talented artist, which included oil painting, woodworking, macramé and wrote and copyrighted several gospel songs. She loved yard work, enjoyed flowers, especially lilacs, roasting wieners around a campfire, and picnics at the river.

Edna and Vern were married 61 years. She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 sisters, Norma Harris and Jean Cravens, and her husband, Vern. She is survived by: Greg McPherson and wife Candy, of Leavenworth, Dawn Wooten and husband Larry, of Wenatchee, Ray McPherson and wife Kathryn of Wenatchee, one brother Ernest Chase of Wenatchee and one sister Eleanor Fleming of Fairbanks, Alaska. She has 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, May 5. at the Cashmere Riverside Center. There will be a private family internment at Cashmere cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Life-Trac Family Ministries or Peshastin Assembly of God.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Cashmere Cemetery

Evergreen and Pioneer
Cashmere, WA 98815

Previous Events

Service

MAY 5. 2:00 PM (PT)

Riverside Center in Cashmere
201 Riverside Drive
Cashmere, WA 98815

Tribute Wall



“ Greg, Candy, & Family-
I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember Edna as a warm and gracious woman. I have fond memories of that time period in my life. May our Lord bless & keep you....sustaining you through this difficult time.
Jeff Tigner (tigsteepee@q.com)

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