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Gladys Barbra (Jaros) Riedel was born in Warroad, Minnesota on October 23, 1919 and lived for over 95 years until February 10, 2015. Mom always said her parents, John M. and Rose (Petra) Jaros named her Gladys because they were glad she was the last of their eight children. She had six brothers and one sister. Mom began school at age four and with the accompaniment of her youngest brothers, Jim and Roy, was able to graduate from high school in such hard times. As a young girl of 16, she worked in the potato fields, then as a hired girl on a farm in southern Minnesota, and as a maid for a top GE executive in White Bear Lake, MN. She longed to see the world, beginning with her desire to come out west. She traveled by herself to Grand Coulee and the Quincy, WA area where her Petra family relatives were located. Mom was invited to move to Wenatchee with her cousin, Ione Petra, and work in the peach cannery. Across the street in the Bruce Hotel, lived Harold L. (Dutch) Riedel who came from Iowa. They married October 9, 1941 and celebrated 40 years of marriage, raising their three children in Monitor, WA. Mom packed apples and pears for 34 years in Cashmere, Monitor, and Wenatchee. She also worked in orchards up until her late 80's, including her own cherry orchard and her son's apple orchards.

Mom and Dad started traveling in 1972, visiting all 50 US states, Canada, and Baja, Mexico through 1981. After Dad passed, she continued to fulfill her dream by traveling to 46 countries, some more than once, with companions she met on the tours who became her best friends. Her last big trip was with her daughter to Australia and New Zealand at the age of 90. While still active at the Wenatchee Valley Senior Center most of the past five years, she was proud to be a lifetime member, having helped raise the money for the present building.

She leaves the other love of her life, her family and loved ones Wes & Lana Riedel, Kristin, Justin, Tyler & Adam Hayton, Tam Riedel, Thy Riedel, Thanh, Glen and Hunter Wroblewski, Matt, Kelly, Seth & Jemma Riedel, Jeanne Guthrie, Bill Barnes, Brandy Thompson, Lexie Thompson & Adam Makemson, Cheri, Aaron, Macie, Kinly & Nason Tanis, Jordan, Katherine, Hayden, Izabel & Finn Guthrie, and many nieces and nephews.

Special thanks and appreciation to her caregiver, Kailyn, the hospice group, and to Sarah and her staff at Leiah's Retreat.

A graveside memorial is planned for March 21, 1 PM, at the Cashmere Cemetery. Following, there will be a time of food and sharing at the Wenatchee Valley Senior Center. In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be given to the Senior Center in her honor. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Cashmere Cemetery

Evergreen and Pioneer
Cashmere, WA 98815

Previous Events

Service

MAR 21. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gladys B. Riedel



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - March 16, 2015 at 11:44 AM

SS

That was beautiful, what precious memories. Shirley

Shirley Stewart - March 18, 2015 at 05:31 PM

DL

Lovely photo journey of the "dashes between the years!" I love that....so true!!! Indeed your mom would be proud of the things said about the way she lived her dash!! What nice pictures of her life and her family. There was one of a little boy looking adoringly at his grandma I presume. This touched my heart to think about how fortunate the generations in your family were to know and enjoy Gladys. Thanks for sharing, Jeannie. Your mom was so dear to our mom, from those cannery years, to time spent with our families. I remember camping at Lake Chelan, of course remember loving coming to your house to see the cherry orchards, going to the swimming pool in Cashmere, not to forget your mom and dad coming to this side of the state to dig clams. Again, my empathy to your family. We were sorry that we could not make the memorial. I will look forward to getting the pictures you have of our family and yours. I hope to see you as you head west or we head east sometime.

Cousin Donna

Donna Lindstrom - April 15, 2015 at 08:38 PM

LM

I love this. Beautiful and so meaningfully full of your family! She was a precious lady.

Lynne Mason - April 20, 2015 at 05:21 PM

CT

“*My grandma was a wonderful lady to say the least. Always supportive, kind and loving. I remember every time I would stay at her house we would fall asleep at night with her asking me what I wanted for breakfast (she always had whatever I asked for and as a kid that was pretty amazing) and talking about her childhood. We loved to bake cookies together, even into my adulthood. My funniest memory of her was my first year of marriage my husband and I hosted Christmas Eve dinner at our new home. Just as I asked if anyone had seen the giant serving fork, I looked over to see my grandma trying her hardest to get her mouth open wide enough to get the fork in. She thought it was a little big but didn't want to say anything.*

I admire her so much and see how much of an impact she has had not only on my life, but my sweet little children. I will always treasure the memories we made together....until we meet again. I love and miss you dearly grandma! Love your Cheri girl

Cheri Tanis - February 17, 2015 at 12:06 AM

JD

You are very fortunate to have had this wonderful lady for a grandmother. I am also very fortunate in knowing and having her as an aunt. I knew she was a special lady the first time I met her and spent time with her and uncle Dutch while on leave from the army in 1970. I have regrets for not seeing and spending more time with her and all of the family in Washington state.

James N Downing Fairfield, Iowa

James N Downing - February 19, 2015 at 08:02 PM

SA

*We have wonderful memories of Gladys, she was a grand lady.
We loved her very much.
She will be forever in our hearts.
Sharon and Larry Applegarth*

Sharon Applegarth - March 10, 2015 at 11:33 AM

SS

She was part of my childhood memories and still looked like I remember. Always had a good time when I spend the night with Jeanne. Prayers and love to her family -watched the video and it shows she had a very good and fun life filled with family and friends.

Shirley Stewart - March 18, 2015 at 05:35 PM

NJ

*Jeanne and family..... Thank you for sending the beautiful picture and obituary of your Mother, my Aunt Gladys. Although most of my relationship with her over the years was via her great letters, I do remember your trip to the family farm when I was a little girl and also your last trip to Warroad, when I was fortunate to be able to drive there for a visit. I want you to know that we will be thinking of you all tomorrow, as you honor and celebrate this very special woman. Love,
Norine and Ted Lockrem*

Norine Jaros - March 20, 2015 at 04:07 PM