



Helen "Maxine" Anderson

July 7, 1922 - July 21, 2018

H. Maxine Anderson, age 96, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at her home in Wenatchee, WA.

She was born in Wenatchee on July 7, 1922 to Wilford J. and Elsie M. Laughlin Anderson.

She grew up on an apple orchard in Malaga, WA, where she attended Malaga Grade School and later went on to graduate from Wenatchee High School in 1941. She was also Apple Blossom Festival Princess for Malaga that same year.

After the death of her sister in 1956 the family moved to Wenatchee where she resided for 62 years.

During the War years she worked five years for the Selective Service located in the Wenatchee Court House. She then worked in the office of Skookum Apples Inc., a fruit packing, storage, and shipping Company for over 38 years retiring in 1985.

Maxine was active in the First Baptist Church of which her Mother was a charter member. Maxine received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior in the late 1970s, and had a heart and love for people. She drove the church van and enjoyed working in the church library. She was also involved with the local Mobile Meals, as well as caregiving for the elderly.

Her lifelong passion was rock and mineral collecting, but also collected stamps, antique glass and coins. She was a charter member of the Ginkgo

Rock and Mineral Society which was organized in 1948 with over 100 active members at that time.

Maxine was a National Award winning editor for the monthly Petrified Digest Newsletter that reported the activities of the club. They sponsored scholarships, 4H displays at Rocky Reach Dam, as well as placing display cases and educational materials at the Chelan County Fair and the Wenatchee Museum.

There were many club field trips out of state, as well as local trips. Some of her favorites were Red Top Mountain, Chrystal Mountain, Saddle Mountain, and the Ginkgo Petrified Forest in Vantage, WA.

She completed several college geology classes and was always willing to share her wealth of knowledge. Her interest in rock collecting was a result of the many adventures she took with her father in search of Indian arrowheads along the Columbia River area. When her Grandfather returned from a trip to Alaska with a large garnet specimen and Indian artifacts, her desire to dig up treasures was born and continued for 85 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents Wilford and Elsie Anderson, a brother Lloyd Wilhelm, her sister Jeanne Mathison, niece Patty Scaman Baker, and nephew Lester Mathison.

She is survived by nieces and nephews Danny Mathison, Laughlin Nevada, Denise Carter, Federal Way WA, Marlene Mathison, Federal Way, Lloyd M. Wilhelm, Malaga WA, and Karen Golder Wenatchee WA.

Graveside services will be held at Evergreen Memorial Park, 1301 10th Street, East Wenatchee, WA on Saturday, August 4th, 2018 at 1 PM.

Memorial donations may be given in the name of Maxine Anderson to the Malaga Park Association, Malaga, WA.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Park

1301 10th St NE
East Wentatchee, WA 98802
(509) 884-4651

Tribute Wall

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“ *Maxine was very generous to The Malaga Community when she agreed to sell property for a community park at a very generous price . Thanks to her the Community has a park to enjoy for years to come. Herb Gardner Chair Malaga Community Council P.O. Box 292 Malaga 98828. We extend our condolences to her family.*

Herb gardner - August 02, 2018 at 05:30 PM

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“ *Maxine was a treasure. She was the long-time editor of the newsletter for the Ginkgo Mineral Society, and I had the pleasure of spending time with her while learning the "ropes" to assist her. Sending my sincere condolences to her family and friends, with prayers for the blessings of peace and happy memories.*

Valerie Hampton - July 29, 2018 at 06:56 PM

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The one thing good I can take from this is that Nana and Maxine are finally together again

Michael Bauer - February 16 at 05:59 AM