



## Helen A. Colby

November 8, 1927 - August 4, 2015

Longtime Quincy community member Helen Colby went to be with the Lord the morning of August 4, 2015. She was in her own home in the care of her daughter and son-in-law.

Helen was the sixth of eight children, born at home to Chris and May Adolf in Bethune, Colorado, on November 8, 1927. She attended school in Burlington, Colorado, through third grade, then moved to Washington due to the impact of the dust bowl. She finished school in Wapato. In 1945, she was married to Ray Colby and they farmed in the Yakima Valley until 1952. At that point they moved to Quincy, where the irrigation project provided needed water for their crops.

Her family and friends meant everything to her. Her “bridge ladies” were an important part of her life, and she loved every one of them. She also enjoyed quilting and gardening.

In addition to farming, Helen and Ray took over his parents’ chinchilla business, which took them to many shows and events. After Ray passed in 1988, she stayed at the farm until 2003, when she sold it and moved into the town of Quincy.

Known as GG to much of her family as soon as she had great-grandchildren,

Helen was preceded in death by brothers George, Dale, and Phillip, sisters Irene and Mildred; children Kristie Booth and Bert Colby; and husband Ray Colby. She is survived by sisters Lois Houle and Betty Brownawell; daughter Linda Massey (Lewie); eight grandchildren: Mike (Blair), Tim (Sheila), Pat (Deana), Andy (Barb), Jenny (Rick), Cory (Allison), Kim (Jason), and Tracy (Darrell) as well as nineteen great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at the Quincy Cemetery at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, August 7, 2015. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com). Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



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*A beautiful legacy of faith, love, and caring that Helen shared with three generations. For my entire life she has been an inspirational example. I treasure every memory of times shared from my earliest memories of family. She blessed my life.*

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*Amazing woman. An honor to know her.*

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