



Jennie M. Keeney

February 25, 1917 - April 18, 2011

Long time Wenatchee resident, Jennie Maud Keeney, passed away early Monday morning April 18, 2011 at Highline Care Center, East Wenatchee. She was 94 years old.

Jennie was born on February 25, 1917 to Lewis and Maud Shaw on the family farm near Fairfield, Nebraska. She attended local schools and graduated from Deweese High School in 1935. She married Cecil Keeney on April 12, 1938 and they farmed near Deweese until they moved to Wenatchee in 1958. After moving to Wenatchee, Jennie took the nursing program at the local college and got her LPN license. She went on to nurse for many years. She retired after 25 years at Central Washington Hospital (formerly St. Anthonys) but continued with Hospice and In-Home nursing until the mid-90's. She will be remembered by many.

She was a 50-year member of the Cornerstone Christian Church where she was active with the choir, played the piano and continued teaching Sunday School until her death.

After losing her son in 1967 and husband in 1971, Jennie did some traveling. She visited Hawaii, Alaska (cruise), Canada, Oregon coast, and then overseas to Austria, Switzerland and Germany. She enjoyed traveling and visiting with her two sisters and their families.

She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers, three sisters, husband Cecil, son Don, and daughter Beverly. She is survived by cousin-in-law Irma Keeney; brother-in-law Stewart Pomeroy; many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

The family wants to thank Columbia Heights Assisted Living, Central Washington Hospital, and Hospice for the excellent care they took of Jennie. A special thanks to Norma Ohler for 33 years of weekly hair appointments and friendship.

Her memorial service will be held Friday, April 22nd at 12:00 at Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home, 302 Ninth Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Burial will take place later in Fairfield, Nebraska where she will be laid to rest beside her husband and son. Memorials are suggested for Cornerstone Christian Church, 12 N Chelan Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801 and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, PO Box 96305, Washington DC 20090.

Cemetery Details

Fairfield Cemetery

Fairfield, NE

Previous Events

Service

APR **22**. 12:00 PM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts
302 9th Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall

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“ Following a surgery in the late 1970's I had the good fortune to have Jennie assigned to care for me at Central Washington Hospital. The word "care" seems inadequate to express fully what Jennie brought to me each day as my nurse. I doubt that even my mother could have provided better care for me. Her sweetness and compassion were unrivaled in my experience. I would encounter Jennie many times since then, usually at the grocery store and we would chat like old friends. She remembered me (or so she let me believe) and I certainly remembered her. I will always remember Jennie with great fondness. Thank you God for sharing your Jennie with us.
Gary Montague

Gary L. Montague - April 21, 2011 at 07:07 PM

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“ When I heard that Jennie had fallen, I was concerned that she wouldn't make it out of the hospital or care center again to see her pink dogwood tree bloom again outside her previous home. This tree was planted by Jennie and her son shortly before he died many, many years ago. It had become a bit of a tradition for a group of us to take a drive past that huge tree throughout the year, since Jennie had moved from her home a couple of years ago.

Honestly, when I heard that Jennie had died, it bothered me that she didn't make it to see her beloved dogwood tree bloom again, just one more time. Today, however, it suddenly occurred to me how silly I was being. Come on! Jennie doesn't need this beautiful, but totally earthly reminder of her son. Jennie is sitting beside her son, husband and lovely family right now!

Maybe heaven has pink dogwood trees planted everywhere!

Tracy Baker - April 20, 2011 at 07:53 PM