



Jessie E. Peterson

October 24, 1915 - February 5, 2011

Jessie Foster Peterson born in Chamberlain, South Dakota, October 24, 1915, died on February 5, 2011.

She grew up in Kimball, SD, and when she was in her teens, her family moved to Peshastin, WA. She graduated from Peshastin High School in 1934. Times were hard then, but Jessie always found work. She earned enough to pay her way through secretarial school in Wenatchee. She was packing apples when she met Rex Peterson. They were married on March 5, 1939 in her parents' home. Jessie and Rex made their home in Peshastin and eventually purchased an apple orchard there. Later, they bought a larger orchard up Yaxon Canyon and moved to Cashmere.

While raising children, helping in the orchard, and being a homemaker, Jessie worked outside the home throughout the years. She held many jobs from packing apples, to secretarial work, to working for the U.S. Forest Service. She retired from the Forest Service in 1969.

Jessie was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church. She was a prolific quilter and made sure every one of her daughters and her grandchildren received one of her beautiful quilts. Rex and Jessie spent their retirement years traveling to Arizona in the winter and back to Washington in the spring and summer. She loved square dancing and was an avid card

player. Jessie and Rex were also long time volunteers at the Pioneer Village and Museum in Cashmere

Hummingbirds were one special joy to them. Their feeders were always kept full.

Their eight grandchildren were their other special joy – and they took care of every single one of them at one time or another. They celebrated 68 years of marriage before Rex's death in 2007 parted them for a while.

Jessie is survived by her children Ann Guiberson (Ron) of St. Petersburg, FL, Louise Kenoyer (Ed) and Shirley Smith (Mike) both of Cashmere; eight grandchildren; and nineteen great-grandchildren.

The family is very appreciative of the kindness and care given by Avalon Homes.

Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 11, 2011 at the Monitor United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Monitor United Methodist building fund.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the on line guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Cashmere Cemetery

Evergreen and Pioneer
Cashmere, WA 98815

Previous Events

Service

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (PT)

Monitor Methodist Church
3799 Fairview Canyon Rd
Monitor, WA 98836

Tribute Wall

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“*Jessie and Rex were great friends to my parents and our family. We grew up with them and Ann, Louise, and Shirley. We celebrate her life and her great family. We wish her family well during this time of sadness and know that she will remain as one of those shining lights that gleam over the Wenatchee Valley every night.*”

Fred Hunter - February 11, 2011 at 12:06 PM

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“*I have so many very happy memories (which began before kindergarten age) of all the times I visited Shirley at the ranch up Yaxon Canyon. I made many trips to Lake Chelan with all of you - one in particular when Ann's (fiance or new husband?), Ron, let each of us fall asleep on his shoulders on the way home. Then there was the big old cat (Oscar?) that let us dress him up in baby clothes and drag him around as our baby all day. We watched Louise, wanting to be beautiful and elegant like her and wondering which boyfriend she would marry... Thank you for allowing me to be part of your family on occasion. Jessie and Rex are certainly missed by many.*”

Caryn Hankins - February 10, 2011 at 11:52 AM

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“*Louise and family,
Thank you for allowing me to care for Jessie, it was truly a blessing.
Thinking of you.....*”

Jody Michelsen - February 09, 2011 at 07:01 PM