



Leota I. Elliott

August 13, 1930 - April 21, 2025

Leota Irene Elliott (Carter) passed away peacefully on April 21, 2025, at the age of 94, and was received into Heaven by her loving Lord and Savior. She was born in Spirit Lake, Iowa, on Aug. 13, 1930 to Herschel and Gladys Carter. They moved to Cashmere, WA, along with her older brother Wendell, when she was around 3 years old. She attended school there and graduated from Cashmere High School in May of 1948. During her high school years, she was often the accompanist for her older brother as he would play his violin or sing at various events.

She married the love of her life, Richard Elliott, shortly after graduation, and was married to him for over 60 years before his death in 2010. Even then she considered herself still married, and anyone who suggested remarriage would be shown her ring and informed that she was indeed still married. The couple lived briefly in Texas and Montana, and then settled in the Wenatchee Valley for the remainder of their lives.

They had three children during the 1950's - two daughters, Brenda and Deanna and a son, Tim. The family lived on North Nile in E. Wenatchee until 1963, when they bought an orchard and moved to South Nile. Leota stayed at home with her children, while also helping out with various chores in the orchard. Family was always a priority to her and she loved getting together with everyone as often as possible. She especially enjoyed her grandchildren and later, her great-grandchildren.

Leota was active in her church, serving faithfully as the church organist or

pianist, teaching Sunday School classes or acting as Sunday School Superintendent or deaconess. For a time she also served alongside her husband Richard as youth group leader.

Leota loved to garden. While she always had a large vegetable garden in the summer, she especially loved her flowers. She loved camping, and together with Richard they took their trailer to many different states to see the sights. They had a membership at Thousand Trails where the family gathered for annual family camp weekends for over 20 years.

She loved the Seattle Mariners and watched them on TV whenever she could, even attending several games in person. Three days before her death, she was told that they were winning a game and even in her weakness responded excitedly, clapping her hands and saying, "Oh, good!" She was a fan to the very end!

Leota is survived by her daughter, Brenda (Ken) Voelker, her son Tim Elliott, her sisters, Heidi (Steve) Mood, Lois (Roy) Fraticelli, 7 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, a sister-in-law, plus numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her father, Herschel Carter, her mother, Gladys Polley, her husband, Richard Elliott, her daughter, Deanna Bridges, her brother Wendell Carter, her daughter-in-law Debbie Elliott, and her granddaughter, September Bridges.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 10th, 3 PM at Living Hope Church, 11 N. Chelan, Wenatchee. There will be a viewing at Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home, on Friday, May 9th, between 4 and 6 PM. Because she loved flowers so much, they are welcome as a memorial gift. Alternatively, donations can be made in her name to Serve Wenatchee Valley, a local relief organization she appreciated and supported.

Please express your thoughts and memories on our online guestbook at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home
302 9thStreet
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-1561
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Memorial Service

MAY 10. 3:00 PM (PT)

Living Hope Church
11 N. Chelan St
Wenatchee, WA 98801