



Martha "Betty" Elizabeth Smith

February 12, 1930 - June 10, 2015

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2/12/1930 - 6/10/2015

Martha Elizabeth "Betty" Bates was born at Snohomish, Washington to David and Dorothy Bates. At the age of 13 her family moved to Dryden, WA and then a year later moved to Cashmere. She attended school in Cashmere until contracting Polio her senior year. Many others during this time had passed away from the disease. Her mother quit her job to care for her saving Betty's life. Betty persevered through her recuperation process and recovered her health.

After World War II ended, Betty met her future husband, Don Smith, at a town dance for returning veterans (or a movie theater depending on who is telling the story). They married on August 17, 1947 residing in Cashmere.

Betty worked at the fruit packing sheds in Cashmere and Monitor for 20 years (Pioneer Warehouse and Monitor Fruit Growers) until she could no longer work because of arthritis. She also packed cherries to earn money for school clothes for her children. She spent hours knitting and loved to cook and bake for family and friends. Betty was loved by all who knew her and she never knew a stranger and talked to anyone and everyone.

In 1961 Don and Betty bought their pear orchard on Mission Creek in Cashmere where they lived until the present. They lived an extremely active life where they enjoyed their cabin at Lake Wenatchee. They spent many

years snowmobiling, camping, skiing, boating, crabbing, clamming and fishing. In their later years, they enjoyed traveling to Arizona for the winter. The most important aspect of Betty's life was loving and enjoying her family and friends.

When the time came, Betty knew she was ready to join her mom, dad and two brothers in heaven. She is survived by her one sister, Ellen Graybill. Betty will be greatly missed by her husband, Don, of 68 years; children Mike (Shirley) Smith, Cashmere; Donetta (Chuck) Fries, Cashmere; and Martin (Patty) Smith Kirkland; grandchildren - Ryan Smith, Cashmere; Chris (Wendy) Fries, Rock Island; Rob (Angel) Fries, Cashmere; Jeff (Jillian) Smith, Cashmere; Tyler Smith, Kirkland; Megan (Branden) Smith-Belieu, El Paso, Texas; 12 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great granddaughter.

A heartfelt thanks goes to all the doctors and nurses at Central Washington Hospital who gave her loving care during her extended stay. The staff made her and the entire family's lives much easier. Thank you.

The Celebration of Betty Smith's life will begin at 2 P.M at the Monitor United Methodist Church on Monday, June 15, 2015. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the Monitor United Methodist Church. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha "Betty" Elizabeth Smith



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“ Dear, Dear, Donetta. I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I was only 13 when my mom died but I don't think the age matters!! It is hard and my best wishes go to you and your family for a peace that only our Heavenly Father can give to us. Blessings to you,
Bill and Mary-Wilson Lange

Mary Wilson - June 15, 2015 at 06:06 PM

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“ Betty, thanks for all the crazy times, the good food including the morel mushrooms, Lake Wenatchee times and the travel trailer times. "LITTLE PETER"

Pete Love - June 14, 2015 at 11:39 AM