



Velma Pearl Bowlin

July 5, 1919 - September 11, 2020

Link to the service for Mrs. Bowlin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6NyTCHZlkg>

Velma Pearl Bowlin, 101, a resident of Wenatchee, Washington, passed away on September 11th, 2020 in her home at Blossom Valley Assisted Living.

Velma was born in Pawnee, Oklahoma to G. Raymond and Elsie (Ripley) Renfro on July 5, 1919. With 3 younger and 3 older siblings, parents and a grandfather, the household of ten living on 160 acres provided Velma a basis for a lifelong appreciation of quality simple food and hard work. Velma's family escaped the Dust Bowl and moved to California, where she married Lloyd Bowlin in June of 1936. Velma and Lloyd professed to serve God early in their marriage and enjoyed many relationships within the worldwide fellowship throughout their lives. Velma worked outside the home as a secretary and was a support to her husband in his various business ventures. They moved to Oroville in retirement to be close to friends and their son David's family. While sharing good food, keeping relationships alive in person or by phone, and having a good laugh were sources of great enjoyment for Velma, she regularly found peace reading her Bible and contemplating eternal things.

Velma is preceded in death by her parents, all of her siblings and her

husband. She is survived by her son, David L. (Beth) Bowlin of Otis Orchards; grandson, Ryan Bowlin of Yakima; granddaughter, Tresa Bowlin of Corvallis, OR; and Kateen Thiry and Eric Forner who she numbered among her grandchildren.

Velma's family wishes to extend a sincere thanks to Blossom Valley's staff, Kay Stout, and those of her faith who have stood faithfully by and welcomed her to Wenatchee or maintained relationships from afar. These relationships, and those with family and those she adopted as family, gave Velma cause to regularly note, even at over 100-years of age, that her life was enjoyable and she had "quite a lot of life left" in her.

A private, family service will be held at Jones & Jones – Betts Memorial Chapel on Saturday, September 16, 2020. A link to the recorded service will be available Saturday afternoon on the Jones & Jones – Betts' website noted below. Velma will be interred with her husband, Lloyd, at Oroville Cemetery.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

SEP **16** (PT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Bowlin, you were our neighbor in Bishop. I was a very young girl at the time and to this day remember your kindness. You let me pick raspberries and had me over for home baked goodies and milk with a bit of coffee in it. I loved our visits! I've thought about you so much over the years and wish I had known you lived in Wenatchee. I was there a lot visiting my parents when they moved there in the 90's. I still love you!*

Lauralyn Meyers Rogers - October 03, 2020 at 07:54 PM

DB

“*Dear Velma, I will miss you. You were a dear friend. For the time I lived in Oroville, sweet memories of stopping in to see you and Lloyd. You lived by my parents driveway up to the ranch, that was special. And you had a beautiful view of the lake Osoyoos. Sweet fellowship. You both moved me to Spokane to be with my folks; Lloyd a former truck driver! And mom and dad enjoyed you so much too! We shared like faith and had much to share when I came to visit you when I came to Oroville...you will be missed! So glad I got to see you one more time at Chelan convention last year. You have the Best now!! - Love you, Dee B.*

Deanna Bramhall - September 19, 2020 at 07:47 PM

JC

“ Our family loved Lloyd, Velma and David! Lloyd would stop by our home for supper and the night when he was driving through Chico. And we would go see them in their lovely home in Bishop. Lloyd took us out fishing, but had to watch me because I was standing on a rock in the middle of the stream and caught a fish ... and was jumping up and down with delight ... and Lloyd was loudly telling me to keep still! And we'd visit them when they moved to Oroville.

Jerry and I loved going by to see Velma when we went through Wenatchee. A lovely lady still in older age. She'd had sorrow but was still precious and kind ... how we all want to end our lives.

Our love to you now, David

Jeannie Cormick - September 19, 2020 at 06:05 PM