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Annabel E. McLean, 98, passed away on March 27, 2015, at Columbia Heights Assisted Living in Wenatchee, WA, where she was cared for by her granddaughter, Nancy Nelson-Anderson. She was born in Cunningham, WA in Adams County on July 11, 1916, to James M. and Cleora V. Moorman. As her mother was a school teacher, she attended grade school at Myers, Ritzville and McCall. She graduated high school at Lind, WA and went on to attend Cheney Normal School and graduated with a three-year teaching certification. Her first teaching job was at Rocky Butte School in Douglas County. In the spring of 1936, she married Ralph G. McLean. They had eight children and raised two nephews. They had a wheat and cattle ranch for 27 years. In 1966, Annabel went back to Cheney to Eastern Washington College and graduated with a BA in Education. She taught Special Education at Royal City, Cashmere, and Washington Wing. She was a resource teacher at Lincoln and Mission View, retiring in 1979.

Her retirement years were spent dancing, camping, fishing, and traveling. In later years, she became an accomplished Pinochle player. She leaves behind a host of card playing friends. From 1979 to 1998, Annabel was a loyal and

dedicated volunteer at the Parkside Rehab and Care Center. Between 1983 and 1990, Annabel won several trophies in the Eagles Pool League Tournaments.

She is survived by her children, Barbara McGee in Missouri, Odell Nelson in Tonasket, WA, Jean Hanford in Wenatchee, WA, Jack McLean at the ranch at Coulee City, WA, Dick McLean in Tonasket, WA, and Danna Anderson in Waterville, WA; and nephew, James Moorman in Hawaii. She is also survived by 23 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Lauren McLean and Doris Steele; a nephew, Renie Moorman; two great-grandchildren; her parents; two sisters; and one brother.

A Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at Mansfield Cemetery. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ There is an error in the original story regarding relatives in Missouri. Mom had met her uncle Clay Moorman quite a few times when he had come out to Cheney to visit his brother (Mom's father) James Madison Moorman Sr and other family members. And of course she knew her maternal grandmother, Ann Eliza Dunlap Cummings. Grandma Cummings was also known as Anna and Eliza. She had lived with Grandpa James (Jim) and Grandma Cleorah for many years--way before 1948--maybe even before Mom married Dad. I'm not sure, but I am pretty sure she was living with them back in 1942 or 43 which was the last year Grandma Cleorah taught in Bridgeport. Grandpa did not live in Bridgeport with her, but Greatgrandma Anna may have. Grandma Cleorah lived in the home of Cornehl's. I believe Grandpa Jim was a janitor at the Cheney Schools by that time. Later Grandma Cleorah taught school at Orondo--she was there when I had pneumonia in 1948 and Grandpa Jim and Greatgrandma Anna were living in Cheney. Grandma Cleorah always returned to Cheney during summer break and whenever she could. Greatgrandma Anna's husband was burned badly in a trainwreck--he was a brakeman--and died in a few days. This was when her two children were very small.--Lester and Cleorah. She never remarried. They all lived with Grandma Anna's parents until Grandma Cleorah married. Don't recall right now when Grandma Anna came out west.

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**Jean Hanaford** - April 11, 2015 at 10:29 PM

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“ You will be missed Annabell you brought something special to those who spent the most time with you.

Now for your 3 relatives that should be so ashamed of themselves for profiting off your departure and treating close relatives the way they have, I would not want to be any where near you when Karma comes calling. You made Anabells last days miserable and had her stuff divided up and gone (who knows where) be for she even passed.

Then to top it all off you greedy pieces of \*\*\*\*\* did not even have her embalmed so you could keep the money for yourselves, the money Annabell had put aside just for that very reason, you didn't even respect her last wishes, everyone needs to know what you 3 have really done not one of your made up lies.. I pity you 3 idiots and I would not even claim you as an acquaintance. Your lucky Jeans is such a forgiving person because I would have nailed you too the wall. Happy spending.

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The sain one - April 11, 2015 at 01:04 PM

JH

“ Mom's first trip to Reno was 1971 after I, Jean Hanford, and my family transferred there (Bernie was a manager with Valu-Mart. Mom came down on a tour with Paul Pugh. She tried her hand at the poker table and some slot machines--her favorite thing was blackjack. When I got off work, I would pick her up and she would come to our house to visit and hang out. Sometimes I would go to the casinos with her and we would just "people watch." She took trips with Paul Pugh and Shirley Shelton mostly--went to Wendover, Elko, Winnemucca, Jackpot.

Mom went as far as Mexico City and did a train ride across western Canada. She loved to travel and see the countryside.

Mom went with us to Missouri in the motorhome. We had Dianna's kids with us. Travelled through Idaho, Montana, South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, and into Illinois. Stopped at the Battleground of the Little-Bighorn, Mount Rushmore, Liberty Jail, and the Arch to the West. Visited with Peggy and her family in DeSoto, Missouri, and went on down to Barb's at Gainesville, Missouri. On the way home we drove through Nebraska and Wyoming. The crowning experience for her was visiting her cousin, George Moorman, in Maysville, Missouri--she had never met any of her parents family.

We had to stop along the way and ask directions. It is a community where nearly everyone knows everyone else and each contact would call ahead to let another person know we were coming. They would stand beside the road and flag us down to direct us to the next turn. We had a good visit with him and what family members he could notify to come in the space of a couple hours. Mom and all of us really hoped we could go to "Rebel Hill," the home of her grandfather, Jerry Whitten Moorman, who was a member of the Confederate military, but a dam had been constructed which cut off land access to it. We did look across the water though. When there was a celebration for Confederate and Union Soldiers, her grandfather and another gentleman who had fought for the Union attended together--the friend had given Grandpa Jerry's farm the nickname of "Rebel Hill" and everyone called it that even after

*Grandpa Jerry died. We were able to visit many of the cemeteries where Mom's relatives were buried. Mom's Grandma Anna Eliza Dunlap Cummings died in Cheney, Washington, about 1951 and her body had been returned to Missouri for burial.*

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**Jean Hanford** - April 11, 2015 at 02:22 AM

JH

“ *I love you Mom and miss you. I continue to think of you as each day dawns. I miss our morning walks with my doggies, breakfast and playing cards morning and evening at your card table; picking up cans at the park or wherever we went; Kiwanis breakfast and viewing Apple Blossom floats at Triangle Park--31 years running without a miss; shopping--you needed new clothes, but nearly always came home with nothing; and yard-saling almost every weekend spring and summer since 1983 until you said it was too much for you; even yard sales we set up in our two front yards two or three times a year with other family members--took two days to set them up and three days to sell most everything--packed up the rest of the stuff in a matter of hours keeping what we thought we could sell later in your basement--what a spread they were with items from Tonasket, Okanogan, Crumbaker Lake, Chelan, Davenport, Vancouver, and Wenatchee; I know you remember hundreds of pleasant adventures we shared together. I remember them too. No one can keep us apart in Heaven. See you there!!*

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**Jean Hanford** - April 09, 2015 at 11:54 PM