



Bertha Mae Rash

August 5, 1924 - May 23, 2009

Bertha Mae Rash, a Wenatchee resident and longtime Leavenworth resident, passed away Saturday, May 23, 2009, in her home. She was born in Unionville, MO in 1924, to Jack and Mary Hobbs. As a child, Bertha and her family struggled through the Great Depression. At 14, she moved to Wenatchee and at 16, married Lester Moore. Together they had one son, "Lucky". Later, Bertha married Ira Leo Hatmaker and they made their home in Leavenworth. Together, they had one daughter, Kathy, and two sons, John and Jack, all five years apart. 40 years later, Bertha was amazingly reconnected with her childhood sweetheart from Missouri, Major Forest Rash. They were soon married and started a life together in Wenatchee. Bertha lived a full life and enjoyed many activities, such as homemaking, gardening and being a wonderful mother and grandmother. She loved the Lord Jesus and was active in her church, Leavenworth Assembly of God, where she prepared food for potlucks, funeral dinners and the needy. Bertha and Forest had great times together in their later years, taking trips throughout the West. They enjoyed motorhome camping, fishing trips and fun times in Reno.

A special thanks to all of the friends and neighbors at Twin Peaks Manor for all the love and care given to Bertha and Forest.

Bertha was preceded in death by her husband, retired Major Forest Rash; and a son, John Ira Hatmaker. She is survived by a daughter, Kathy Hankins of Wenatchee; two sons, "Lucky" Moore of Leavenworth and Jack Hatmaker of Quincy; nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

A Graveside Service of Commemoration to Celebrate Bertha's Life will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. at the Wenatchee Cemetery, with Reverend Daniel Murphy officiating. Memorials may be made to New Life Christian School in Ephrata. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.