



Betty June Sloane

December 18, 1926 - May 13, 2009

On May 13, 2009, Betty June Sloane, beloved and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt & friend, succumbed to her long-time struggle with Alzheimer's and went home to Heaven. Mom was born Dec. 18, 1926, to John & Alta (Nolan) Merchant in Chelan, WA. She attended and graduated from Chelan High School in 1944. In her early 20's, Mom moved from Chelan to Yakima, where she worked as a secretary for the Washington Apple commission, until she met and fell deeply in love with Dad, her husband of 55 yrs. That's when life began for both Mom and Dad. Immediately following their marriage, they moved to Mazama, WA where the city girl quickly became a country girl, learning to ride horses, raise chickens and drive tractors. Mom loved the ranch; she loved being there with Dad in those early years of their marriage. She cried when , a few years later, they sold it and moved to Twisp, WA. In 1963 they moved to Cashmere, WA, where they would live and work for the next 40 years. Mom worked as a fruit packer in several Cashmere warehouses, her last job being with Blue Star Growers, where Dad took the fruit from their orchard on Flowery Divide. Together, Mom and Dad had the opportunity to travel a lot in their life together. They traveled throughout the entire United states. Mom and Dad made several trips to Europe and they went to Mexico to the home of one of their long-time friends. Snowmobiling was their wintertime passion. They made yearly with friends to Yellowstone, to ride the snow-covered trails and to see the animals to their habitat. Mom's best times were those with Dad. They had an uncommon love and devotion

for each other; the kind of love that poets write about.

Mom was instrumental in putting together a group of ladies who volunteered their time on Wednesday mornings at the Cashmere Convalescent Center, to bring joy into the lives of the female residents by "prettifying them up" and fixing their hair. Mom volunteered in other areas, but this was her passion. a group of ladies continues this tradition today; Mom would be pleased.

Mom is survived by her husband of Wenatchee, dad(Walter Mason Sloane); her son, Mark of Wenatchee; her daughter, Kathy (Brian) Addleman of East Wenatchee; three grandchildren, Matt Addleman of Seattle, Sarah (Eric) Duffey of East Wenatchee and Aimee (Chris) Krueger of San Jose, CA; a great-grandson, Mason Duffey of East Wenatchee; a brother. Bob Merchant of Florida; a sister, Bertha Waggoner of Missouri; and numerous nephews and nieces.

A Memorial Service for Mom will held on Saturday, May 30, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. in the Heritage Haven Clubhouse on 1875 Heritage Drive in Wenatchee, WA. Memorials may be made, on Mom's behalf, to the Special Olympics. Arrangements assisted by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

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“ I would like to offer my condolences for the passing of my great Aunt Betty. I lived with the family for a half a year or so after my mother Karen Merchant passed in 1970. I found out just recently that she and Walter had wanted to adopt me but I was too attached to Rachel Gilbert as she had raised me to that point. I will always cherish the memories of the time I spent with Betty, Walt, Kathy and Mark.

Aloha from the Big Island,

Angie Gilbert

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