



Elma Irene Sprietsma

March 14, 1919 - October 9, 2016

Elma I. "Babe" Sprietsma, 97, a longtime resident of Wenatchee, WA, went to be with the Lord on October 9, 2016, after living a full and good life. Elma was born in Waterville, WA, on March 14, 1919, to Albert and Irene (Bell) Kinzabach. They then moved to Wenatchee, WA, when she was four years old. She graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1937. Elma married Cedric Sparks and they had three children. Later on, she married John Sprietsma and they had a daughter. She was a wonderful cook and also made pies for Rooney's Café. She loved playing bingo, creating beautiful oil paintings and making quilts for her grandchildren. She had four children: Jim Sparks, Patricia (Sparks) Cox, Karen (Sparks) Engley and JoAnn (Sprietsma) Goodman. Grandchildren: Michelle, Shawna, Leigh Anne and Michael Sparks, Glenn, Dennis, Doug, Amie and Debbie Cox, Danielle and Ryan Engley; Gordon Shaffer; Rachel (Goodman) Cooper, Rebecca (Goodman) Tolliver and Julie Clough. Elma is survived by son, Jim (Wendy) Sparks; daughter, Karen (Dave) Engley; and all of her grandchildren, greatgrandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother and father; brothers: John, Bruce, Bob; her daughters: JoAnn and Patricia; and granddaughters: Debbie and Shawna. Special thanks to Dawn Goodman, daughter-in-law, for the wonderful care she gave our mother. Thank you also to RiverWest for taking such good care of Mom and to Del Grubich from St. Joseph Church. Memorials may be made to Our House Cancer Care Center. Visitation for Elma will be held 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October

20, 2016, at Telford's Chapel of the Valley, with the reciting of the Rosary to follow at 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 21, 2016, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wenatchee, WA, with reception to follow. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee WA.