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Our cherished mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to everyone, Erma Louise Twitchell, 95, surrounded by her family, passed away on August 20, 2014, at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee, WA. Born to Henry and Catherine Schmick in Endicott, WA on November 17, 1918, Erma joined two older sisters, Eva and Alice. A brother, Byron, died at age one in 1908. When Erma was two and a half, her mother died of typhoid fever and, shortly after her father's remarriage, Erma was taken to live with her mother's sister, Matilda Klaveano, on their farm near Colfax, WA. "Uncle" and "Auntie" Klaveano raised her with their son, Virgil, who was her adored "brother" for her entire life. Erma graduated Valedictorian from Steptoe High School in 1935, and attended Washington State College on a scholarship. She pledged Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. In her junior year, she left college to work as a clerk in the Whitman County Courthouse in Colfax. A friend fixed her up on a blind date with a "dashing man" (her words), Lynn Twitchell, who worked for the Union 76 Oil Company. They were married in October 1940 and after living briefly in Spokane, WA, they moved to Cashmere, WA in the winter of 1941, when Lynn went to work for Schmitten Lumber Company. Her three children, David, Carol and Terry, were born in Cashmere, where they

lived until 1962, when Lynn purchased Pearmont Orchard in Dryden, WA. Erma said that she had "come home" when asked about the change in her life. Lynn preceded her in death in January of 1999.

Erma taught Sunday school, was a Cub Scout leader, an avid golfer, Bridge player, gardener, a meticulous homemaker, and an adept maker of cookies and pies. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, Eastern Star, P.E.O. Chapter CC, Leavenworth Golf Club, Wenatchee Golf Club, Children's Orthopedic Hospital Guild, and the St. James Episcopal Church in Cashmere.

Erma was fortunate to have had many friends who visited her through the years, bringing her treats, flowers, news of the Cashmere Valley and of her church friends. The family would like to thank the staff and caregivers of Mountain Meadows Memory Care in Leavenworth, who gave her exceptional and compassionate care during the last two years.

She is survived by her sons, David Twitchell of East Wenatchee, WA, and Terry Twitchell (Jenn Meyers) of Dryden, WA; daughter, Carol "Cookie" Crosetto (Richard) of Bellevue, WA; grandsons, Jeff Crosetto of Grand Rapids, MI, and Michael Crosetto (Julie) of Mercer Island, WA; granddaughters, Kristen Twitchell Meece (Daniel) of Truckee, CA, Kelsey Twitchell of Dryden, WA, Taylor Twitchell of Spokane, WA, and Shannan Heuett of Tacoma, WA; and great-grandsons, Cole and Carter Crosetto of Mercer Island, WA.

A Celebration of Life for Erma will be held on Friday, September 5, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. at the Cashmere Riverside Center, 201 Riverside Drive. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Mountain Meadows Memory Care, 320 Park Avenue, Leavenworth, WA 98826; St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Avenue, Cashmere, WA 98815; P.E.O. Chapter CC, 2034 Autumn Drive, East Wenatchee, WA 98802; or a charity of your choice.