



Gerene Melodine Brown

March 25, 1932 - November 1, 2016

Gerene Melodine Brown died November 1, 2016, at the age of 84. She was born March 25, 1932, to Robert and Vona Hodge in Gid, AR. She married Emmit Sumner on December 6, 1947. They moved to Wenatchee, WA, in 1953, and both worked in the fruit industry for many years with Wells and Wade Fruit Company. They later purchased their own orchard in the Baker Flats area. Their experience in working and raising a variety of fruits soon led to a successful fruit business. They also owned and operated the Homestead Fruitstand until both retired.

After Emmit's death in 2003, she re-married John O. Brown on November 4, 2004.

Gerene returned to East Wenatchee, WA, in 2015 until present to be close to her family, friends, and grandkids. She also had a very special companion, her little buddy, Baxter (her Shih Tzu).

Gerene was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Vona Hodge; sister, Bonnie Wolford; brother, Burnice Hodge; as well as both spouses, Emmit Sumner

and John Brown. She is survived by daughter, Phyllis Britt (Larry); and son, Randy Sumner; grandchildren: Jeremy Shull, Alison Easley (Cord), and Sean Shull (Brittney); great-grandchildren: Trea Thomas, Logan and Ethan Easley, Emmit Cowen and Maddox Shull; special niece, Beverly Wolford; and nephews: Ronnie and Kyle Wolford.

Special thank you to the Blossom Valley Assisted Living Family.

Memorial Services to be determined at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA.