



Glendene Thompson

September 9, 1930 - January 18, 2024

Glendene Thompson, 93, a loving mother of four, and the devoted wife to her late husband, Leslie Thompson, passed away gracefully in Wenatchee on January 18, 2024.

Glendene Bellamy was born in Arkadelphia, Arkansas in 1930 and grew up as part of a large, loving family that included eight brothers and sisters. Her family settled in East Wenatchee when Glendene was a teenager. She met her husband Leslie Thompson in Leavenworth and they were married in 1948. They lived initially in Leavenworth before settling permanently in Peshastin, where they raised their four children.

Glendene was the most optimistic, positive person we have known. She frequently reminded us that there is always something to be thankful for. She was a loving, caring mother, and human being. Her endearing qualities of unconditional love, strength of spirit, and unending generosity could be seen in her care for her family and countless others.

Glendene was passionate, almost driven, about anything she decided to do. She would get up with the sun to 'greet the day in the garden' and pull weeds while it was cool. Raising four children in the 1950's, she made most of the clothing for her family. As a custom seamstress, she made beautifully crafted stuffed animals, Apple Blossom float gowns, cheer leading uniforms, and

Leavenworth Bavarian costumes. She also made hand tied quilts that she entered in the Chelan County Fair and was awarded several blue ribbons. She loved gardening and flowers. Her passion for gardening included using organic techniques including composting long before it was fashionable. In her later years living in Wenatchee, Glendene referred to her flower garden as her "little patch of heaven". She was a long-time member of the Peshastin Church of Christ. She loved to read and frequently visited the Peshastin library with her children. She was a frequent visitor to the public library in Wenatchee.

To Glendene, she believed that life is just a stepping-stone....a pause before we make it home. She wanted to convey the following words from the poem *When Tomorrow Starts Without Me*:

When tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

Glendene is survived by her brother, Steven Bellamy of Riverside, California, her brother William Bellamy of West Plains, Missouri, and her sister, Linda Jo Bellamy of Fargo, North Dakota. She is also survived by her four children, Jean Postlethwaite of East Wenatchee, Peggy Thompson of East Wenatchee, Mary Darlington (and Van Darlington) of Leavenworth, and Leo Thompson (and Ruth Ann Thompson) of Kennewick. Glendene is also survived by her seven grandchildren including Brynn Fernandez, Tim Toulouse, Michael Darlington, Lucas Thompson, Allyssa Howell, Sam Thompson, and Lauryn Thompson. Glendene was blessed with seven great-grandchildren.

The family will hold a Celebration of Life service on Saturday, May 18 in Leavenworth at Mary and Van Darlington's home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 18. 12:00 AM.

Leavenworth

Tribute Wall

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“ Thoughts:

My last conversation with my mother was 3 days before I left for vacation in Hawaii. After my our visit, speaking of a variety of everyday unimportant things, then I told her I was leaving for Hawaii and wouldn't be back for a few weeks. She smiled and said "you're not taking me?" And I told her "not this time, mom. But I'll see you soon." I said goodbye, kissed the top of her head as I always did, told her that I loved her.

Six days later she was gone. But she must have really wanted to join me in Hawaii, because I hear her voice with every rustle of wind through the palms, see her smiling at every beautiful tropical flower, and feel her embrace with the movement of every gentle wave. She is here with me. And always.

I love you mom.



Mary Darlington - February 05, 2024 at 05:30 PM