



Gretchen Hendrickson

June 13, 1929 - October 22, 2023

Gretchen Hendrickson, 94, of Leavenworth, WA, left this earth to be with her Lord on October 22, 2023. Born in North Dakota, she spent her early childhood in Wenatchee, WA. In 1937, the family moved to Leavenworth. She graduated from Leavenworth High School in 1947, and then attended Washington State University. She married Ray Hendrickson in September of 1948, in Leavenworth, where they raised four children on a beautiful farm. No stranger to hard work, she loved a rustic lifestyle, baking bread in her wood stove oven on laundry day because she had to heat water for the washing! She was an avid outdoors woman; she loved gardening and quilting as well. Many people have been blessed with produce from her gardens and many hand made items from quilts to soft leather baby booties. She was always busy at her sewing machine, making things for others. She continued to garden and quilt even into her last year of life!

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Laura; husband, Ray; parents; one sister; and six brothers. She is survived by her brother: Jim; sisters-in-law Kathy and Sylvia; children: Ole, Jan and Kristy; grandchildren: Brad, Andy, Heidi, Becca, Heather and AJ; great-grandchildren: Kianna, Isaiah, Lydia, Rayna, Tobiah, Jana, Micah, Caleb, Avery, Oliver, Emmitt and Nolan; son-in-law, Steve; a special childhood friend, Pauline; and loving caregiver, Theresa.

A Celebration of Gretchen's Life will be held on a Sunday in July of 2024 at the homestead where we can gather to honor her life and share memories.