



Helen A. Howard

March 13, 1928 - December 22, 2018

Helen Arlene Howard passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and friends, on December 22, 2018. She was a 36-year resident of Wenatchee, WA. Helen was born on March 13, 1928, in Eugene, OR, to Blanche and Harry Toms. They moved to California when she was two years old. She attended schools in California, graduating from San Juan High School in Citrus Heights in 1945. She married Thomas "Dale" Howard on July 1, 1944, and they had four children: Lewis H. Howard, Robert D. Howard (Janet), Sue Wiese (Lon), and Julie Neale. While raising her children, Helen was a member of the "Ladies in White", the first all women rescue squad in the state of California. She was a lifetime member of the Grange, a 21-year member of the Wenatchee Eagles, and a member (since 1983) of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. While living in California, she worked at Aerojet General Corporation for ten years with a top secret clearance. In 1978, she and Dale moved to Spokane, WA, to manage a retirement center, which they did until he passed in 1981. She then moved to Wenatchee. Helen considered herself fortunate to work in the central accounting office of Colonial Vista Retirement Centers for 18 years, until her retirement, after which she continued to volunteer at the Central Washington Hospital until her death.

Helen had ten grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and oldest son.

The family will hold a Celebration of Life in the spring so that all those who loved her will be able to more easily travel to Wenatchee to honor her. Arrangements are by Chapel of the Valley, Wenatchee, WA.

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen was a wonderful lady and friend. I will miss her smiling face and friendship. My condolences to the family that I have lost touch with many years ago .Susi's kids were very little when I met them and Helen. I am so sorry for your loss. A life well lived!*
Mary Klawitter Wilson

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