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Marlene lost her hard fought battle with cancer on November 28, 2012. She was born on December 20, 1935, to Leslie and Velma Casey of Butte Falls, OR. Marlene was graduated from Butte Falls High School and a business school in Medford. She was employed by the Butte Falls Ranger District of the Rogue River National Forest in 1979, when Junior David Helvey, a recent graduate forester, came to work at the same location. Dave and Marlene fell in love and were married on March 4, 1960. A short time later, the newlyweds were transferred to Franklin, NC, where Dave worked at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory. While living and working in Franklin, they became the proud parents of their three sons. In 1971, the family was transferred to Wenatchee and in 1979, to Parsons, WV. After retirement in 1989, the family moved back to Wenatchee. Marlene was an excellent cook and homemaker. She loved her Lord, her family, her friends and her pets. She was an excellent gardener and liked to grow flowers, especially roses. She kept one or more bouquets of fresh roses in the house all summer as a memorial to her departed family members. Marlene's number one priority during the final 30 years of her life was caring for her son, who had a disabling accident in 1983. She made sure that he was properly fed and cared for at home and that he

was properly dressed and groomed when he went out. Marlene's final accomplishment, just a few weeks before her death, was winning a beautiful handmade quilt that was raffled off by the Cashmere Museum. Out of over 4,000 tickets sold by the museum, one of Marlene's 12 purchased tickets was randomly drawn as the winner. She supported the museum for years, without expecting anything in return. Winning the quilt lifted her spirits for a short time.

She is survived by her husband of almost 53 years, Junior David Helvey; and sons, David (Teri) of East Wenatchee, Stephen of Tacoma and Russell at home. She also leaves behind grandchildren, Austen of Austin, TX and Jaisa of Wenatchee. She was preceded in death by both parents; and Wayne Casey, her only sibling.

A Service will be held at Telford's Chapel of the Valley on Saturday, December 15, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. Officiating will be Rev. Mike Malmin, pastor of the Wenatchee Church of the Nazarene and Rev. Cecil Meadows, a retired minister who lives with his family in Murray, UT. Rev. Meadows is Marlene's nephew. Arrangements are provided by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.