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Kathleen M. Van Well died Sunday, May 3, 2015, at Central Washington Hospital following a brief stay. She was born November 2, 1924, to Peter and Caroline (Roelle) Van Well at Wenatchee, WA. The third of seven children, her early life was spent in and around the Wenatchee Valley. The family moved several times during her childhood, from the Klansnic property in South Wenatchee to Franklin Avenue in town, to Rock Island Road near Majestic School, to Baker Flat, north of East Wenatchee. It was there, at Baker Flat, Kathleen spent a good part of her young life. She graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1942, and attended Holy Names College in Spokane, where she earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree. Kathleen committed her adult life to education, beginning her teaching career in Cashmere, WA. She then moved to Grand Coulee, WA to teach grade school. Finally, in 1950, she took a position at Fruitland Elementary School in Kennewick, WA, where she taught third through fifth grades. When asked if she had a favorite subject to teach, Kathleen said she enjoyed teaching them all; still she loved history and reading. She retired after more than 30 years of teaching to return to Wenatchee to care for her mother and brother, Joe.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Jack and Joe; a niece, Mary Linda Lee; and a great-nephew, John Patrick Lee. She is survived by her sister, Loraine Adams of Walla Walla, WA; her brothers, Dick and Pete (Ardis) Van Well, both of Wenatchee, and her brother, Tom (Connie) Van Well of East Wenatchee, WA; nine nieces, Vicki (Danny) McGregor, Kathy (Mick) McClafferty, Carol (Brad) Mason, Dawn Adams, Jacki Ritch, Lisa (Tomas Bergstrom) Van Well, Suzanne Van Well, Christina Van Well and Heidi (Mark Rossiter) Van Well-Rossiter; three nephews, Joe Adams, Peter (Carmen) Van Well, and Ric (Lisa) Van Well; 16 great nieces and nephews; 11 great-great nieces and nephews; and one great-great-great nephew.

Kathleen loved travel, her family and her faith. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America (CDA), the Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, and Holy Apostles Catholic Church, and a past member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Kennewick and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wenatchee. She was honored in March for her 60-plus years of service to the CDA.

The family would like to thank Mindy Rowe-Brady, Father Argemiro Orozco, the staff at Riverwest Retirement Home, the nursing staff at Central Washington Hospital, Dr. Corrine Basset and Dr. Mary Timiras for their loving care of Kathleen.

A Rosary will be recited at Telford's Chapel of the Valley on Thursday, May 7, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Holy Apostles Catholic Church on Friday, May 8, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. Concluding Services and Interment will follow at the Wenatchee City Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph's School in Wenatchee, or to a charity of the giver's choice. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.