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LaVerne "Bernie" DeShazo, 81, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 27, 2013, in her home in East Wenatchee, WA, surrounded by her family, after a 17 month battle with lung cancer. She was born June 30, 1931, in Beverly Park, WA, to John and Emma (Liedle) Nieman. She and her three brothers grew up in Dryden, WA, where she attended school. On April 17, 1948, she married Oris "O.A." DeShazo, Jr. They made their first home in Dryden, later settling in East Wenatchee, where they raised five sons. Bernie was a devoted wife and mother, supporting her husband for many years as he worked shift work at Alcoa. She loved her family and enjoyed many camping trips to the beach, the mountains and Lake Chelan. Her primary occupation was that of homemaker and she excelled at it. She also picked cherries and apples, in the early years of their marriage, to supplement the family income. She made friends easily and, after raising five boys, was excited to welcome her daughters-in-law into the family. Bernie was also very proud of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by three sons, Randy DeShazo of East Wenatchee, Tim (Chris) DeShazo and Kevin "KJ" (Debby) DeShazo, both of Wenatchee;

daughter-in-law, Connie DeShazo of Wenatchee; nine grandchildren, Sean (Jennifer) Robinson, Amanda (Cameron) Kunze, Scott DeShazo, Holly Green, Matt (Haley) DeShazo, Sarah DeShazo, Brian DeShazo, James DeShazo, and Andrew DeShazo; eight great-grandchildren; and one brother, Bill (Jean) Nieman of Dryden. She was preceded in death by her husband, O.A., in 1985; infant daughter, Candace DeShazo in 1958; two sons, Tom DeShazo in 1995, and Steve DeShazo in July, 2012; two brothers, Tom Nieman and Ray Nieman; and special friend, Clancy Dicken.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Malhi, her assistant, Jan, Dr. Kolde, and the Hospice team for their excellent care of Bernie during her illness.

Funeral Services will be held at Telford's Chapel of the Valley, Saturday, February 2, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. Concluding Services and Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park. Viewing will be Friday, February 1, 2013, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to Central Washington Hospital Hospice Program or The American Legion Auxiliary, Post 10, Wenatchee. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dearest Bernie, I will always remember the wonderful times we had together and your laughter. One of great talents was being a great cook and I did learn a few great recipes from you and your mom. I still play Yahtzee which you got me hooked on. Love you and will always remember you. Love, Gail

Gail Ennen - February 03, 2013 at 03:26 PM

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“ I have many fond memories of time spent with Aunt Bernie, and I'll always cherish them. She was a special lady and will be greatly missed. RIP Aunt Bernie and say HI to Dad for me. Love Lori

Lori Nieman Renick - February 02, 2013 at 01:10 PM

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“ About 1949, This Montana cousin (Jack), went with the Nieman cousins to the Wenatchee area to pick cherries. Bernie and OA were newley married and they were in our group of "pickers". The very first day of picking, this Montana teenager couldn't help eating more cherries than he picked. The Nieman bunch and Bernie kept warning me about potential stomach ache. That night in a shabby labor camp, this cousin spent the night on the toilet.

My relatives all laughed and joked with me the next day. I spent about a month with my favorite Nieman/DeShazo cousins in the orchards. That was one of my funnest times of my life. These relatives were hard working and so much fun to live and work with. Bernie and OA were so much in love.

Bernie was a great Woman, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Auntie and Cousin. She was loved and will be missed by so many, but there are so many wonderful and great memories we cherish. Rest in peace Bernie.

Love from cousin Jack

Jack Smith - February 02, 2013 at 08:17 AM