



Mary Louise Alyea

November 7, 1936 - October 25, 2013

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Mary "Louise" Alyea, 77, of Wenatchee, WA, passed away October 25, 2013, with her family and friends by her side. Louise was born to Opal and "Lela" Lawson on January 27, 1936, in Lebanon, MO. Louise spent her youth living and working in Lebanon. She was a seamstress at H.D. Lee Co. Louise also worked as a seamstress at Jantzen Co. in Oregon and as a sales clerk for Hirsch Value Center in Wenatchee. On January 26, 1957, Louise married Donald Alyea in Lebanon, MO. When Don was discharged from the army, they moved to Gresham, OR. During the next several years, Louise's mother and six siblings joined her in Oregon. Louise was close to all of her brothers and sisters. Louise was the proud mother of three children: Mary, Diana and Kenneth. Don and Louise often opened their homes to family and friends. They dedicated over 30 years of their marriage to caring for their granddaughter, Michelle, who was born with Cerebral Palsy. Michelle and their other grandchildren brought much love and happiness into their home.

Louise enjoyed gardening, crocheting and reading. During the winter months, she always had a puzzle out and enjoyed it when her family and friends would spend time working it with her. One of her favorite activities was bowling.

Louise and Don bowled on mixed leagues and Louise also bowled on a women's league in Oregon and Washington. Louise was honored to be on teams with her mother, sisters, brothers and her daughter Ann. In 1975, Louise was awarded female "Bowler of the Year," the first of many awards she received. In 1989, Louise was inducted into the Wenatchee Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame. After Louise retired from bowling, she continued to meet with her bowling girls the 4th Thursday of every month for dinner. She enjoyed these monthly dinners.

Louise is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Diana "Ann" and Clarence Smith; son and daughter-in-law Ken and Karen Alyea; grandchildren, Michelle Stevens, Chris Ferrians, Sarah Ferrians, Kari Wiedenhoft, Melissa Wiedenhoft; sisters and brother-in-laws, Joan and Ronald Wright, Bev and George Parker, Pat and Dale Oursbourn; brother, Tom Lawson; brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Shirley Lawson; sister-in-laws, Edna Jones, Estella Baughman, Lorraine Lawson; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Louise was preceded in death by her parents, Opal and Lela Lawson; husband, Don; daughter, Mary Stevens; sisters, Betty Lawson, Ruby Lawson and Karen Allison; brothers, Bill Lawson and Jack Lawson.

The Funeral Service will be held at Telford's Chapel of The Valley on Monday November 4, 2013 at 10:00 am. Pastor Ken Gilchrist of Delta, CO will be officiating. There will be a luncheon at the Alyea home following the services. There will be a private Interment at Wenatchee City Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a special person Louise was always a smile on her face when you would see her, I got to meet her when her granddaughter Michelle was a student where I worked and at the time Louise was her guardian and it was special to see the relationship between them Michelle couldn't talk but Grandma would know what she was wanting to say and what she wanted and she let Michelle grow. I just want to say heaven is getting an amazing angle. I will miss seeing her around but I was blessed to know her.*

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