



Mary Ellen Kennedy

October 18, 1928 - December 3, 2009

Mary Ellen "Judd" Kennedy

Mary Ellen "Judd" Kennedy, 81 passed away Dec 3 with her daughter, Jackie and son-in-law Gary by her side following an extended illness.

Mary was born October 18, 1928 in Holbrook Nebraska; she was the 10th child out of 11 born to Louis & Dora Fallert. Her adoptive mother was Anita Hadley. Throughout her life she lived in various parts of Nebraska, Idaho, Oregon, California and Washington but spent most of her life in the Wenatchee Valley. She attended schools in Nebraska, Calif and Idaho and received her GED, AA degree and graduated from nursing school in the mid 60's from Wenatchee Valley College and became a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Nursing was her passion and she was one of the few nurses chosen to start up the Intensive Care Unit when it originated at the Deaconess Hospital in Wenatchee. She worked 11 years in the unit and transferred with the unit when it was moved to Rosewood, now known as Central Washington Hospital and worked an additional 2 years there. During her career she made many trips with Ballard ambulance and flights transporting critically ill patients to other hospitals. During her 25 years of nursing she also worked in the transitional care unit at CW Hospital, Parkside, and did private nursing. Her dedication and compassion for her patients and their families never went

unnoticed and appreciation was evident by the many cards, notes and hugs she received from those that she cared for.

Through her diversities and hardships growing up she always taught her children to have compassion and kindness to those less fortunate or in need. You would always find her helping someone whenever they were experiencing hardship and was always dedicated to the care of others both professionally or personally.

She adopted her son while married to her first husband Chuck Foster and had two daughters while married to her 2nd husband Jack Judd. Mary was loved by her family and was affectionately called "Granny Shortstuff" by her grandkids and great grandkids because she was short but mighty. She will always be remembered by her family for her resilience, strength, and spunk.

She is survived by her daughters Jacqueline "Jackie" Babst and husband Gary of East Wenatchee and Jerri Schlosser and husband Joe of Mt Vernon, adoptive son Michael, wife Sue Foster of Everett and sister Fern Gilman of Tacoma. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren and another due in the spring. Michelle, Bob, Libby, Reece, & Hudson Gallaher, Janelle, Jim, Layni & Logan Schmutzler , Garrett, Kara, Carson & Claire Babst, all of East Wenatchee, Sally, Scott, Connor & Lesley McPherson, Kreg & Amanda Schlosser of Mt Vernon, Michael, Celine, Kelly & Chyme Foster, Stephanie, Byron, Skylar and April Clinton, Paul and Daniel all of Everett. She was preceded in death by her parents and adoptive mother, 4 sisters, 5 brothers and her first husband.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Granny Shortstuff we think of you everyday and miss you! The kids ask you about all the time. So hard to lose you. We love you and hope you and Papa Jack are enjoying the second life. I know you are both with us everyday. You two always seem to give us a sign from day to day letting us know you are watching over us. We love you so much. Hope you are resting in peace. Love you Granny Shortstuff!*

Janelle - February 25, 2010 at 07:14 PM

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“ *Continuing to think about your family. Mary was always a pleasure to have near. She was so proud of each and every one of her children, grand-children, and those great-grand children too. You have a wonderful family and I can't tell you how much Mary appreciated you visiting her as often as you did. Thank you for letting Blossom Valley and Blossom Creek be a part of Mary's life and yours too. She is truly missed.*

Tricia Sapp, Blossom Creek - January 17, 2010 at 07:15 AM