



Opal F Sanders

September 12, 1927 - August 12, 2010

On Thursday, August 12, 2010, after a long battle with cancer, Opal Faye Sanders gave up her flower gardens to walk in God's garden. Opal was born September 12, 1927, to Clyde and Lottie Johnson in Alton, MO, where she spent her childhood. In 1947, Opal and her lifelong love, Laman Sanders, traveled to Salem, AR, where they were married. They were blessed with three daughters. Opal and Laman moved their family to the Wenatchee Valley in 1963, and for 30 years, they made their home, living on the Wenatchee River in Monitor. They worked hard, tending their soft fruit orchard and played hard, traveling, fishing, camping and enjoying life together. Opal will always be remembered, by those who knew her, for her love of gardening. She enjoyed tending her large vegetable garden and loved her beautiful flowers. She was an avid quilter and created, with love, hundreds of quilts and also taught many others to quilt, sew and crochet. She will be remembered the most, though, for her kind and gentle ways and loving spirit. Opal was a member of the Monitor Homemakers and American Legion Post 64 Auxiliary, where she spent hours lovingly sewing items needed by our troops and veterans.

Opal is survived by her three daughters, Irene Ecalbarger (and husband, Buck) of Moses Lake, Darlene Adams of Rock Island and Jo Keyser of East Wenatchee; special family friends, Randy and Trish Palmer; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one sister, Pearl Stogstill of Alton, MO. She was preceded in death by her husband, Laman Sanders; her

parents; four brothers; and one sister.

A Graveside Service will be held Monday, August 16, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., at the Cashmere Cemetery, with Marilyn Lancaster officiating. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.