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Ruth Irene (Cooper) Erlandsen, 94, passed away Saturday, December 21, 2013, in East Wenatchee, WA. Ruth was born in Leroy, MN, June 6, 1919, to Ernest Charles Cooper and Verna Mae (McDaniel) Cooper, the sixth of nine children. The family moved to Fargo, ND and then to a farm in Sutton, ND. There were no school buses, so in the winter, her dad piled hay on a stoneboat, hitched up the horses and the kids snuggled down in the hay with blankets and hot rocks to keep them warm. At the end of Ruth's junior year of high school, the family moved to Lake Stevens, WA, where she graduated from high school and met her future husband, Glenn Swen Erlandsen. They wed after high school, residing in Lake Stevens, Snohomish and Portland before moving in 1979, to their orchard home in Brewster, WA.

Ruth is survived by her three children, Sue Anne Gardner of Entiat, Roger Erlandsen of Brewster and Patty Brebner of Spokane; six grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and her loving sister, Lois (Cooper) Hopkins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn and granddaughter, Sheri (Gardner) LaMar.

Special thanks to Cherry Lane Country Haven, East Wenatchee for their wonderful care.

Ruth will be remembered as a loving Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Sister, truly loved by all. We are happy to know she is with our Lord in heaven with family and friends who have gone before.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring.