



## Susan N. Detering

April 9, 1935 - December 12, 2014

Susan Nanette (Carlson) Detering

East Wenatchee, WA

Susan Nanette (Carlson) Detering passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by family on December 12, 2014. Susan was born in Hallock, MN, the 14th of 17 children. She had eight sisters and eight brothers. Loss entered her life early, when she lost her father at 17, to the same type of cancer that eventually took her life, as well. In 1957, she met the man who would be her husband for over 57 years, Victor Detering, in Phoenix, AZ. Victor was a jet fighter pilot in the Air Force, soon to ship overseas. They quickly envisioned their lives together since they were engaged within ten days and married within six weeks. They honeymooned on the ship crossing the Atlantic and spent the first four years of their marriage living in France and England, bearing two sons, Conrad and Timothy, before returning to the U.S. They left the Air Force in 1963, just as their first daughter, Belinda, was born in Clovis, NM. They moved to Brewster, WA, where they bought an apple orchard and spent the next 48 years of their lives. Susan worked in the packing sheds during their early years in Brewster and later owned her own business. Otherwise, she was a stay at home mother and homemaker. Victor and Susan's last child, Melissa, was born four years into their life in Brewster. Susan always had a love of beauty and color, decorating her home festively

for the holidays and filling the grounds around their home with flowers of all different kinds. She enjoyed walking about the yard in the evening, admiring whatever may be in bloom, having masterfully mixed her beds for color throughout the year. Victor and Susan also provided a place of hospitality, where people knew they were welcome. You never knew who may show up for coffee and a visit. Susan's life ever increased in joy as her grandchildren filled her home and paraded the grounds, eating fruits and vegetables and climbing trees; amassing a perfect dozen - five grandsons and seven granddaughters. In 2008, Victor and Susan sold the family farm and moved to East Wenatchee, WA, closer to their four children, 12 grandchildren and growing number of great-grandchildren, including the newest great-granddaughter, who bears Susan's name. Susan was a consistent source of love and acceptance to all who had the privilege of knowing her. We are deeply thankful for her transparent faith in our Lord Jesus, showing us all the reality of His presence as she basked in His love for her. We are challenged to cast our cares on the Lord as Susan so vividly modeled for us.

She is survived by her husband, Victor; her four children, Conrad Detering, Tim (Dawn) Detering, Belinda (Chris) Hartmann, all of East Wenatchee, and Melissa (Tim) Belding of Naches, WA; all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and several of her siblings.

Memorial Services will be held at Telford's Chapel of the Valley in East Wenatchee on Thursday, December 18, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. Arrangements by Telford's Chapel of the Valley.