



Willie Rhea Cooper

October 16, 1932 - June 13, 2014

Willie Rhea Cooper passed quietly the evening of June 13, 2014 at her home in East Wenatchee surrounded by family and friends. Willie was born October 16, 1932 in Violet Hill, Arkansas to Ama "Jo" and Herman Carter. At a young age the family moved to Plain, Washington where she grew up, attended school and graduated from Leavenworth High School in 1950. Shortly, she began a long career as a Telephone Operator at Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone. In 1952 she married Harold O'Neal, and then, the following year her only daughter Kathleen Ann (Don Files) was born. Her second marriage was to Charles "Denton" Taylor in 1958. Son David Alan (Colleen) born in 1960 was the Apple of his Father's eye. Denton passed tragically in May 1963, Son Charles Denton "Denny" (Juanita) was born the following December. Her final marriage to Arlis Cooper, in 1968, bore two more sons Michael Gene in 1970 (Lisa) and Timothy Steven in 1971. Upon the closing of the local office of Pacific Northwest Bell. Willie retired for the first time. She then worked at general telephone, again retiring upon closing of the local office. After suffering a massive stroke in 1998, she led a quiet life in the care of her beloved brother Thomas Calvin Carter. Willie is survived by her brother, children, 17 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Also, her very special and dedicated caregiver Christian Arroyo. Willie was preceded in death by her parents, half brother Cecil, half-sister Grace, brother Xenophon, sister La Wanda, half-brother Hix and Brother Eugene. Many sincere thanks to Wenatchee Hospice and the wonderful nurses who cared for Willie and made

it possible for her stay in her home. Visitation will be held from 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM Thursday June 19, 2014 at Telford's Chapel of the Valley in East Wenatchee with graveside service 2:00 PM Friday June 20 2014 at Evergreen Memorial Park, East Wenatchee, WA. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA