



Aletha Mae Wells

July 24, 1923 - June 20, 2015

Aletha M Wells was born on July 24, 1923 at Kansas City, MO to the late Earl and Venice Watson. At the age of 3 her family moved to Lake City, WA; here she attended school and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1941. She met and later married Leonard Wells on November 4, 1942 in Seattle.

Leonard served in the Army Air Corps and they made their home together wherever he was stationed until he was sent to India during WWII; where he served in the South Pacific, Saipan and Taiwan. After his discharge they spent a short time in Seattle before moving to Rock Island where he went to work on the area dams and she continued her role as wife and mother to Richard Lee and Shirley. In 1960 they moved to East Wenatchee.

Civic and patriotic, Aletha became involved with the community in many organizations. She served for 65 years as an active member for the American Legion Post #10 Auxiliary; she served as President and was involved with all facets of fund raising including Poppy Sales and sewing projects. Aletha helped the 8/40 group of the American Legions, who assist children of Cystic Fibrosis. For over 50 years she volunteered for the Red Cross Blood Drives and served on the Voting Board. When Richard and Leonard joined the Boy Scouts of America, Aletha volunteered and spent many years at Camp Bonaparte and Scout-A-Rama, where she cooked and mended clothing mishaps for the boys. While Shirley participated in Eastmont Rainbow Girls #147, she helped in the Mothers group.

Aletha, at age 91, passed away on June 20, 2015 surrounded by her family at

RiverWest in Wenatchee. She is survived by her daughter and son in-law, Shirley and Ed SanJuan; grandchildren, Andrea (Brian) Shay, Travis Niebel, Denise (Michael) Carey, Kevin Wells; great grandchildren, Nate, Garrett and Alina Brown, Anna and Matthew Niebel and Tyler Carey.

She was preceded by her parents; husband, Leonard; son, Richard Lee; sisters, Janice Watson, Vyrle Weaver, Ethel Hanson and niece, Robin Bidgood.

Daughter, Shirley, sends a heartfelt "Thank You" to the staff at RiverWest who cared for mother as one of their own and also to Dr. Lynch and Dr. Tornabene. A family gathering will be held at a later time. You are invited to view her online tribute at: www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.