



Alma Elizabeth Sellar

March 18, 1928 - September 27, 2011

Alma E. Sellar, 83, a 60 year Wenatchee and East Wenatchee resident, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday morning, September 27, 2011 at River West in Wenatchee, following an extended illness.

She was born on March 18, 1928 at Pierre, South Dakota, the daughter of the late Walter and Emma (Ilei) Mann. She grew up and attended school in Pierre, South Dakota. When she was 16, she moved with her family to Cashmere. She graduated from Cashmere High School in 1946. She went to work in the theater in Cashmere and while working, she met George L. Sellar. They were later married on January 8, 1948 in Wenatchee, where they made their first home together. A short time afterward, they moved to East Wenatchee. She worked as an Apple Packer at various fruit warehouses and continued to pack apples up until 1981.

Her husband, George, became a Washington State Senator in 1970 and served his full term up until the time of his death in December of 2000.

Alma was a 55 year member of the Wenatchee First United Methodist Church and was a part of the Mary Ruth Circle.

She especially enjoyed her grandchildren, great grandchildren, baking, cooking and was known for the "best chocolate chip cookies".

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Kathy & Steve Warrington, Spokane; her sister, Mary Jennings, Pierre, SD; four grandchildren, April Pierce, Amy Sartain, Steven Warrington and Molly Warrington all of Spokane and 5 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Senator George Sellar, their son, Randy Sellar in 1972, three sisters, Julie Aspaas, Eilen Kapucinski and Gertrude Tildon and two brothers, James and Albert Mann. A Service of Commemoration will be held on Friday, September 30th at 10:00 a.m. at the Wenatchee First United Methodist Church, 941 Washington Street, with Pastor Kel Groseclose officiating. Concluding services and the interment will follow in Evergreen Memorial Park. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Thursday from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. You are invited to view her tribute online and leave memories at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Those who wish may make memorial donations in her name to the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Kathy and Family, We have lots of great memories of doing things with Alma and George. Alma was a very warm sweet lady and was very dedicated to her family. I first met Alma and George when we were in Jaycees. Then when Bob Curtis ran for the legislature George was a masterful campaign chairman. In 1972 Bob and George recruited me to run for State Representative. For the next 13 years I enjoyed working with Senator George on many issues concerning our district. We also attended numerous meetings together and often rode with one another back and forth to Olympia during session. I feel very fortunate to have known your parents. They were impeccable honest hard working citizens. Barbara was especially proud to have another Cashmere High graduate as the spouse of a legislator. Sincerely, Earl and Barbara Tilly

Earl and Barbara Tilly - October 04, 2011 at 12:21 AM

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“ My sympathy and prayers are sent to the Sellar Family at the passing of Alma Sellar. As a staff member of the Senate during Senator Sellar's terms in office, I had the opportunity to meet Alma (Mrs. Sellar) and heard many wonderful antedotes and stores from Senator Sellar. Theirs was a special life together filled with love and support. I keep these memories and know that you as family have many more. Bunny Hooper (Legislative Assistant - Sen. Dan McDonald)

Bunny Hooper - October 03, 2011 at 03:50 PM

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“ Some of my earliest memories are of George and Alma, my uncle and aunt. At age 4, I was a flower girl in their wedding. I can still feel the biting cold of that January day as I waited outside in a formal yellow taffeta/net dress to enter the church. Alma put on her wedding gown at my parents' house -- very exciting for a 4-yr-old girl. Also, my mom would only let family babysit me. I have vivid memories of staying with George and Alma in their apartment close to the bus depot. I remember the knotty pine walls and the Murphy bed. Lastly, I could always talk to George and Alma when I didn't think my mother would understand.

Joanie & Bil Jensen - September 29, 2011 at 05:16 PM

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“ Kathy, A mother's loss is like none other. Your mom fought the good fight and had a say about how she wanted to leave this world. I am sooo glad I got to see her last month. It is comforting to know she's having a grand reunion with your dad and Randy. It won't be long before I join them. Because my symptoms are progressing rather rapidly, we will not be able to be at the memorial service but will certainly be there in spirit.

Joanie & Bil Jensen - September 29, 2011 at 04:46 PM