



## Alma Rosie Tharp

October 2, 1936 - November 16, 2017

Alma Rosie Tharp, 81, a 51 year Wenatchee resident, passed away on Thursday November 16, 2017, at Cashmere Convalescent Center after extended health issues. She was born on October 2, 1936 to the late Russell and Lillie (Smith) Willey in Denver, Colorado. She grew up mostly in the Denver area. She married the late Arthur Tharp in Fredrick, Colorado on July 11, 1959. Over the years, they made their home in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming before moving to Washington in the summer of 1966. They lived for a brief period in the Leavenworth area before residing in East Wenatchee for about a year. They then moved to Wenatchee.

Alma was a stay at home mother and raised four children. She was active in the Head Start Program for several years starting in 1966. Alma began selling Avon in 1977 and continued until her passing. She took great pride in accomplishing what she needed in sales to be in the President's Club every year. When she could, she loved to travel around the United States and see the wonders of this great nation and even venturing to Canada several times. She loved working in the yard and especially with her love of roses.

On June 3, 1991, she was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Eugene Tharp and has since continued to make her home in Wenatchee. Alma was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She is survived by three daughters, Julia Zerfass, Washington, Lillie (David) Baird, Colorado, Hilma McNerney, Washington, one son, Peter Tharp, Washington; one sister Ethel (Robert) Kibel, Colorado; eighteen grandchildren, April Wallace,

Montana, Judy Wallace, Joy Strong, Adam Hollister, Elizabeth Glamuzina, Holly Zerfass all of Washington, Nicole Baynes, Christine Baynes, Colorado, Daniel Ramos, Washington, Joshua Ramos, Amanda Baird, Ashley Baird, Trevor Baird, Tanner Baird, all of Colorado, Brandi (Tom) Everson, California, Shana (Adam) Insley, Washinton, Stephanie (Josue) Pichardo, Florida, and Cassandra "Cassie" McNerney, Washington, her closest friend Susie Larson, Washington, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and satisfied Avon customers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one Great-Granddaughter, Adalyne Grace, one Great-Great-Granddaughter, Riley Rene Scott-Foote. She will be cremated and ashes scattered at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made in Alma's name to the American Diabetes Association. You are invited to visit her tribute online at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com). Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee, Washington

# Tribute Wall

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“Alma's family: I'm so sorry for your loss. I went through a similar situation and I was very helped by the hope that I found in the Bible in John 5:28, which says, "Do not amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out". I am sending you a link with more information on this hope.

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**Adalberto Sanchez** - December 02, 2017 at 08:39 AM

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“My friend Alma, whom I've know for 49 years, loved selling Avon. Not because she cared about the makeup or jewelry or other items, but because she needed to make some money to help in living. But along the way she grew to love her customers and was very loyal to them. Even though she didn't go out and advertise, she regularly made the President's Club each year. That meant she could go to the annual luncheon held in different cities and wear a pretty dress she bought each year and receive several awards. She didn't get a lot of money, but it qualified for quite a few awards with prizes and money and gifts. Sh always came home with a bundle and usually the flower arrangement on the table by a game of passing it around the table until it stopped! It really hurt her heart when she got so ill she couldn't make the President's Club anymore and go to the luncheons. Alma was an odd and unique character but I loved her for many years. When she got really ill I stepped in to drive her to Drs. appointments and hospital visits, seeing her many times a week. That service made me love her more! The tale is true - He whom you serve you will love. I am so glad she has passed on to peace and is free from illness and worries.

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**Susi Larson** - November 19, 2017 at 12:38 AM