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Anna "Ruth" Thompson McCollum, age 93, passed away from Covid on January 30, 2021. She was a longtime East Wenatchee resident. Mom was born December 17, 1927 to Burley and Myrtle "Kelly" Pace in East Wenatchee, WA. She attended school in East Wenatchee until her junior year of high school, when she attended and graduated from Chelan High School.

Mom married our dad, Stan Thompson in Chelan, February 1946. They lived in Chelan for some time before moving to East Wenatchee. They had two sons: Danny and Scott. Mom worked packing apples and also as a receptionist for Dr. Paul Lyons. The family spent many fun times going camping and hunting. We has so many wonderful memories of the time we spent outdoors (and there were many!) Sadly, dad passed away from a car accident in 1984 and mom's life was never quite the same.

Mom loved to travel and visited Ireland, China, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and Hawaii. She loved going places and seeing new things. She also loved her phone with her best friend of 88 years, Barbara Cross.

Mom married David McCollum in August of 2003. They also resided in East Wenatchee. Mom spent many hours outside with David, making their yard into a beautiful flower garden. She absolutely never met a flower that she didn't want!

She was preceded in death by her parents Burley and Myrtle Pace; stepmother Florence Pace; brothers Bob, Malcolm, and Chuck Pace; sisters Maxie Blatchford, Lora McLaren, and Doris Moore; husband Stan in 1984; grandson Jason in 1984; and son Danny in 2019.

She is survived by husband David McCollum; son Scott (Gayle) Thompson of East Wenatchee; two stepchildren Mark (Dana) McCollum, and Darla (Al) Coffey of Arlington, WA. As well as by eight grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Mom is also survived by her best friend of 88 years, Barbara Cross of Oregon.

We love you Mom and cannot express what a big presence you have been in all our lives. We will miss you always.

Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel. Due to Covid restrictions, no services will be held at this time. A gathering for friends and family will be held outdoors this summer.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hello Scott and Gayle,  
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. I have many fond memories of her, visiting her across the alley, her inviting us in for cookies. I loved the twinkle in her eyes and her wonderful giggle/laugh. I wanted to share with you when I last saw her in the spring last year, shopping for flowers at Fred Meyer. We talked and visited about many things, but as you mentioned in her memoriam, she had to know about all the plants that I had in my basket, then HAD to have them to try for herself, so I would show her where they were located, and she continued filling her basket. She always invited me to come and visit and see her garden. I wish I had taken the time to do that! David was so patient with her as we gabbed and drooled over all the beautiful flowers. It was a lovely time. I always loved whenever I ran into her. I still would call her "Mrs. Thompson" and she would always remind me that she was Mrs. McCollum, but that was just not the same, lol. She was so sweet to some to mom and dad's services, and you to bring her. Thank you for sharing your Mom!!  
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