



Barbara Aileen Roddy

September 6, 1929 - July 16, 2014

Barbara A. Roddy, 84, a Wenatchee resident for over 30 years, passed away on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee. She was born on September 6, 1929 at Medford, Oregon to the late Leonard and Iris (Wendel) Poutre'. She was raised and received her education in Medford, Oregon. She met and was later married to David Roddy on July 16, 1945 at Lewiston, Idaho. They made their first home together in Lewiston where David worked in the construction industry. In the late 1940's, they moved to the Crescent Bar where they farmed "Crescent Bar Orchard's" and raised soft fruit for thirty years. They moved to the Wenatchee Valley in 1977 and with the exception of a short time living at Hartline, they continued to make Wenatchee their home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Roddy in April of 2002. She has since made her home in Wenatchee.

Barbara was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Attic Dusters Antique Club, Wenatchee Valley Doll Club and the Buds and Blossoms Square Dance Club. She had been known as the Grandmother of the Medford Pear Blossom Festival since it was her idea after attending her first Apple Blossom Festival in the late 1940's. She was the Grand Marshall of the Pear Blossom Festival in 2010.

The best years of her life were while raising her children after which she became involved in many activities and groups. She was energetic, was a jogger, started a aerobics exercise class at St. Joseph's School , liked square

dancing and clogging. She enjoyed collecting antiques and dolls.

She is survived by eight children, Tom Roddy, Astoria, OR, Phil (Julie) Roddy, Chelan, WA, Dan (MaryBeth) Roddy, Albany, OR, Aileen (Jim) Smith, Kennewick, WA, Rich Roddy, Anacortes, WA, Joe (Karen) Roddy, Kennewick, WA, Sara Roddy, Wenatchee and Jane (Tony) Patten, Shedd, OR; one sister, Delores Schwalb, Medford, OR; one brother, Roger (Mary) Poutre', Scottsdale, AZ; 18 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, David Roddy, her parents and two sisters, Phyllis Karry and Janet Morrison.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, July 26th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 625 Elliott, Wenatchee, with the Rev. Fr. Tom Kuykendall officiating. A Vigil Service will be held at Heritage Memorial Chapel, 19 Rock Island Road, East Wenatchee, on Friday, July 25th at 7:00 p.m. the visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friends who wish may make memorial donations in her name to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, c/o St. Joseph's Catholic Church. You are invited to view her tribute online at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

GS

“ To Barbara's Family, I had the pleasure to know Barbara for a number of years. She was quite the lady always bringing wisdom to the conversation. She was always colorful and intelligent. She had an amazing life and I will miss her alot.

Her friend, Greg Summers

Greg Summers - August 05, 2014 at 01:17 PM

DO

“ We are so sorry about your mom. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you today and the days to follow.

*Love,
Doris, Frank & Reo*

Doris - July 25, 2014 at 06:51 PM

AI

“ I especially enjoyed our trips to Sun Lakes state park, picnicks going to Fowlers Rock shop and our trips to wenatchee after harvest. Mother always made life fun and interesting even if we stayed at home. She loved being a mom. I will treasure our time together and try to pass on her warmth and compassion. I love you mother, Aileen

Aileen - July 25, 2014 at 03:53 AM

RI

“ A typical evening in the Roddy house involved our mom reading a story like *White Fang* or *Swiss Family Robinson*. We would share a bowl of popcorn and listen intently. Mother loved to sing, especially songs with a story like "North to Alaska"

She was in every way a gem. We miss you mother, thank you for giving us a normal childhood.

Rich - July 24, 2014 at 12:48 AM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Barbara Aileen Roddy*



July 23, 2014 at 06:39 PM

DP

“ *Dear Family, it was a great honor to have Barbara serve as our Grand Marshal for the Pear Blossom Festival in 2010. She was the inspiration and had the original idea to start the festival back in 1954. We will continue to honor her memory with the festival every year. This festival is Medford's oldest and biggest tradition, all started by the inspiration of Barbara. The Pear Blossom family is very proud to continue this tradition. We will remember her always, and treasure the memories we have of meeting her. She was truly a wonderful lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Darcey Mann-Self Festival President, and the Pear Blossom Family*

Darcey Mann-Self, Pear Blossom President - July 23, 2014 at 01:58 PM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Barbara Aileen Roddy*



July 20, 2014 at 01:57 AM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Barbara Aileen Roddy*



July 19, 2014 at 03:54 AM