



Betty Ann Burris

July 11, 1956 - November 29, 2013

Betty Ann (Gapan) Burris has gone on to live with our eternal Father in Heaven. She died Friday, November 29th 2013, in Central Washington Hospital, after a sudden illness.

Betty was born to Pedro Astero and Jean Etta (Brooks) Gapan on July 11, 1956 in Wenatchee, Washington. Her first home was on the river near the Apple Yard Train Transfer Station in South Wenatchee. Her home was one of the only homes left standing following the Apple Yard Explosion.

Following the death of her father in 1968, she and her two brothers moved to Rock Island to live with foster parents, Ken and Jane Ficker. It was here that Betty first learned of God's plan to reunite families for time and all eternity when life on earth is through. Betty attended elementary school at Mission View in Wenatchee and Rock Island and graduated from Wenatchee High School. She married her eternal companion, Jack Thomas Burris, in Wenatchee on September 12, 1975. They were sealed in the Cardston, Alberta, Canada Temple in 1979. They along with their daughter, Charlotte Melissa "Cherie" Burris, lived at various locations in Wenatchee.

Betty was well known for her selfless service to others. She greatly enjoyed baking, gardening, and an endless list of crafting. God's will was her primary concerns, so she attended the Temple often.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Burris and their daughter, Cherie Burris, at home; two brothers, Pedro Anthony "Tony" Gapan, Wenatchee and Joe Gapan, East Wenatchee; her foster parents, Ken and Jane Ficker, Concrete,

WA; foster siblings, Ed & (Susie) Ficker, Cashmere, WA, Dave & (Cindy) Ficker, East Wenatchee, Steve & (Lisa) Ficker, Michigan and Shawna & (Dan) Gibson, Seattle, WA; 17 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one foster brother, Ron Ficker.

A Commemoration Service will be held on Wednesday, December 4th at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Maiden Lane Chapel, 1621 Maiden Lane, Wenatchee, WA, with Bishop Roger Walters Presiding. You are invited to visit her tribute online and leave a message for the family at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

BF

“ Betty and I worked together nights at Parkside many years ago. She could always be counted on to do more than her share and do it with a smile. In later years Cherie joined us in the work and those are fond memories too. My love to her family. Barb Fleisher

Barbara Fleisher - December 06, 2013 at 03:00 PM

CD

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your dear Betty. God is there for us when we are saddened and hurt. (Psalm 34:18) At John 5:28,29 we have this promise from Jesus: "Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out."
My deepest sympathy to each of you.

Cheryl D. - December 04, 2013 at 01:06 PM

CB

“ Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you at this time. Cherie you were a the light of your mother's life. Uncle Jack you were her soul mate. Watching you both at the hospital reinforces how very much she was loved and will be missed. Please take comfort in knowing that you always have our support. May God be with you and bless you all.

Crystal Burris - December 03, 2013 at 12:53 PM

SD

“ I first met Betty when we worked together at Parkside many years ago, and then later at Highline. She taught me the ropes about resident care, and was set in her ways (like the rest of us). She was a very kind and caring person to all the staff and residents. For me she was a joy to work with. The family bought a house on Fuller Street and we were neighbors, always waving and yelling hello. Betty you will be missed!

Sue Duvaul - December 02, 2013 at 05:49 PM

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“ Sending heartfelt sympathy to the family for your loss. Remember that others care and wish you strength and comfort at this sad time.

Sue Duvaul - December 02, 2013 at 05:34 PM