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Betty Jo Holloway, 87, went to be with our Lord and Savior on September 13, 2021. She was born on July 25, 1934 in Spiro, OK to the late Selma and Rosa Buck. In her early years the family traveled wherever there was work, and finally landed in Chowchilla, CA where she graduated high school. Her years growing up consisted of cooking, cleaning, and raising her 4 younger siblings while her parents and older brother worked in the cotton fields. When she wasn't working in her home she would find part time jobs to help with family income. Her first job was at the dime store where she saved enough money to buy her dad his first car. Her work was never ending, but caring for people was always her first choice. Her gift as a caregiver was carried on through her entire life, as kids and adults alike were always drawn to her never-ending love and nurture. In 1960 she met the love of her life, Floyd Holloway, and they were married just six months later. Together they moved to Wilmington, CA where their daughter, Lisa Jo was born. In 1963 they moved to Rock Island, WA where they made their home for 22 years, and she grew to be the much-loved playground teacher at Rock Island Elementary School where Lisa attended. They then moved to East Wenatchee in 1985 where she has lived ever since. Betty's life was always committed to her family: her husband,

daughter, and two granddaughters. From handing Floyd his lunch at the door with a kiss goodbye before every work shift, to taking care of him when his battle with Asbestosis ensued, she lived her life serving those around her. And in the center of her world were her girls; first, her devoted daughter whom she held an irreplaceable bond with. There was no love that could surpass what they shared. And of course, her granddaughters whom she sacrificed much of her life for to bring them joy - keeping them at her house for sleepovers, watching movies (Seven Brides for Seven Brothers or Calamity Jane), washing their hair in the sink, playing Yahtzee, tucking them in bed, and waking them with biscuits and gravy. As her granddaughters grew up and changed, she remained constant. They were always the center of her world, and she the center of theirs. And as her family grew larger her love just multiplied, as did her meals. From chicken and dumplings to beans and fried potatoes, there was no one that could cook like her. She would spend hours in the kitchen making a good old fashioned southern feast for her family, always having extra for any unexpected guest who happened to stop by. There never was, and never will be, fried chicken like hers. When Betty was not spending time with her daughter or granddaughters then she could be caught sewing beautiful embroidery, completing word search puzzles, or watching Family Feud. She lived for the days that Mark, her son-in-law, would stop by to check on things. The love they shared was priceless and she cherished their time together with all of her heart. But her greatest love of all was for her Savior, Jesus Christ. She was a long term member of Eastmont Assembly of God where she taught Sunday school for years. Her faith was evident too all who knew her. If any of her 4 great-grandsons were to get asked to describe their Grammy, they would quickly reply with, "She loved Jesus." It was her steadfast walk with the Lord that led her each and every day, and anyone who knew her was blessed by the light of Jesus that shined through all she did. Heaven has gained one beautiful angel.

Betty will be deeply missed and is survived by her daughter, Lisa Jo (Mark)

DeChenne of East Wenatchee; two granddaughters, Brandi Darnell of Malaga and Andrea (DJ) Anderson of Wenatchee; one grandson, Matthew (Kristy) of Malaga; four great grandsons, Wyatt and Kanyon Darnell both of Malaga, and Bodie and Leif Tolman-Anderson both of Wenatchee; her sister Patricia "Pat" (Don) Bowdle of Arkansas and her brother Cecil "Ray" Buck of California; and her adopted daughter Michele (Jim) Holman of East Wenatchee; along with many other nieces, nephews, and cousins - all who were dear to her heart. A special thanks to her caregiver, Anne Ogee, who sacrificed so much to love and care for her during these past months.

Commemoration services will be held on Tuesday, September 21st at 1:00pm at the New Life Center Church of God, 310 5th St. East Wenatchee. There will be a graveside service immediately following at Evergreen Memorial Park in East Wenatchee. The service will be closed casket, however there will be a visitation/viewing on Monday September 20th from 2:00pm-8:00pm at Heritage Memorial in East Wenatchee. Please sign in or leave a memory for the family online by visiting www.heritagememorialchapel.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Lisa and Mark and family, I just saw the notice about Betty. I am so sorry for your loss. I know how close you all were, and I can only imagine how much you must miss her. She was a delightful lady to know! And what wonderful memories you all have of her and her love. May those precious memories give you comfort now, and in the coming days, weeks, and months. She will be remembered fondly by me. Hugs to you all, and my deepest of sympathy as well.
Lori DeWitz

Lori DeWitz - October 09, 2021 at 02:25 PM

DH

“ So sorry Lisa and family for the loss of your mom. I never saw her not smiling and asking how others were doing. She was a very caring person. My condolance to you and hope you can always remember the good times and she will always be with you! Your friend, Deaetta

Deaetta harris - September 21, 2021 at 11:51 PM

JM

“ I can't express how lucky we were to have Betty and Floyd as our close neighbor. From time to time if we didn't see each other outside we would call just to check in and make sure everything was ok. And not once in the 30 years at the end of our conversation that Betty wouldn't always ask "Do you need anything or Is there anything I can do for you." That was just the kind, loving, caring for other people, type of woman that she was. Always with a smile and always made you feel welcomed. Lisa, Mark, girls and families my heart breaks for you all. She loved you all so much and she knew she had all your love in return. We will remember her daily and think of her warm smile. Your in our prayers, Love Janet, Pat and Family

Janet Mabes - September 20, 2021 at 09:12 PM

SL

“ So sorry Lisa to hear of the passing of your Mom. She was such a sweet, sweet lady with such a bright smile.

Condolences,
Shelly Laurie

shelly laurie - September 20, 2021 at 02:28 PM