



Betty May Thomas - Melton

December 27, 1930 - March 26, 2018

Betty May (Thomas) Melton

Betty May (Thomas) Melton, 87, a longtime Wenatchee Valley resident, passed away on Monday, March 26, 2018 at Colonial Vista Assisted Living in Wenatchee.

She was born on December 27, 1930 at Maywood, Missouri to the late William Henry and Ella May (Richardson) Faulconer. She experienced difficult trials early in her childhood following the loss of her mother when she was 9 years old. Her father worked long hours in the coal mines, which led to she and her brothers having to spend some time in an orphanage prior to living with relatives. When she was 16, the family moved to Peshastin. On July 4, 1948, Betty was married to John Thomas. Together they had six children, Hiram, Pam, Addie, Betty, John and Wesley. They made their first home together in Peshastin, later making a number of moves before settling in Wenatchee in the early 1970's.

She was a homemaker and made the clothes for her daughters and their dolls. She learned to play the piano and enjoyed singing. She also loved to crochet, making many doilies, baby booties and blankets over the years. Betty's husband, John, died in April of 1983. She was married to Oral "Buck" Melton in 1985. They travelled south to winter in Arizona and while there she loved to go out in the desert looking for crystals. She started writing poetry and loved sharing them with others. She learned to drive and got her license


when she was in her later 50's. After Buck died, she was so thankful to be able to drive. She began going to the Wenatchee Valley Senior Center and enjoyed making new friends.

She is survived by five children, Pamela "Pam" White, Wenatchee, Addie (Ld) Olson, Soap Lake, Betty (Dennis) Radke, East Wenatchee, John (Sandy) Thomas, Peshastin and Wesley (Rhonda) Thomas, Spring Valley, AZ; 20 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands, John Thomas and Oral "Buck" Melton; a son, Hiram Thomas; three brothers William, Robert and Gerald Faulconer; two grandchildren, Jeffrey Thomas and Christopher Duffala.

Memorial donations can be made to Alzheimer's Association. A Commemoration Service will be held at Wenatchee Brethren Baptist Church on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 2:00pm. You are invited to visit her tribute online and leave a memory at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

DF

“ Betty inspired me due to having asmtha she eould send me poems all the time. Giving me strenght throughout the day. Amazibg wonan with amazing strenght. Rest in the arms of our loving Lord... 

Dan & Lyn Fisher - April 28, 2018 at 12:30 PM

KB

“ I met Betty in 1983 when John was a patient at Central Washington Hospital. I was one of the Oncology RN's that cared for John, and it was during this time that I became well acquainted with Betty. I have many special memories of Betty, and she is someone I will always remember. I saw her from time to time over the years after John passed. In honor of Betty, here's one of her poems she gave me:

*Good morning friend
have a happy day
sending loving thoughts
and hugs your way.
Your friend, Betty*

*My sympathy to Betty's family and friends,
Kate Bratrude*

Kate Bratrude - April 11, 2018 at 10:19 PM

PB

“ We love and miss you mom!



Pam, Addie, Betty - April 07, 2018 at 10:10 AM

RB

“ To the Family of Betty May Thomas-Melton: In the Bible at Psalms 90:10 it refers to those who live well into their 70's or 80's as being 'especially strong.' Your beloved was blessed with this strength. May that strength trickle down to family and friends helping you to cope in the days ahead. As you cherish warm memories, lean on God for 'everlasting comfort and good hope' 2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17, for he is close to those 'brokenhearted' Psalm34:18. My deepest sympathy.

R Bailey - March 31, 2018 at 02:27 PM

BM

“ I love you mom. You had a great life.im glad i got to be a part of it thank you for raising your 3 grandkids we love you.you will be so missed but you with both my dads and my son. RIP mom we all miss you

Becky may - March 31, 2018 at 08:45 AM

RL

“ To the family of dear Betty, My husband and I have been members of the Wenatchee Valley Senior Center for many years. That is where we met this sweet lady. We loved her so much, even though she had problems she always had a smile and asked about how we were doing. We loved her many poems and we will miss his dear sweet woman. Knowing she is in the arms of Jesus and we will see her again gives us peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. Sincerely, Renae and Don Lau Wenatchee WA

Renae Lau - March 29, 2018 at 06:56 PM