



Doris E Soden

January 10, 1931 - October 7, 2020

Doris E. Soden, 89, a longtime East Wenatchee resident, passed away on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at Central Washington Hospital.

Doris Ella Harkness Soden was born to Henry W. Harkness and Hulda (Harneit) Harkness at

Tonasket Hospital on January 10, 1931 .

She grew up in Havillah, a small farming village with her siblings, Velma Green, Vernon

Harkness, Devin Harkness. They attended a one room school house in Havillah for elementary

school. She continued her education at Tonasket High School, where she graduated in 1949.

Doris moved to Wenatchee to study nursing after graduation. There she met her husband of 64

years, Elgie Soden on December 7, 1951 on a blind date. They were wed on Aug 17, 1952 at

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Havillah, WA.

Doris accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized by Cecil Sims in 1954 in

the Wenatchee Valley. She was an active member of Wenatchee Valley Baptist Church and

later was a founding member of Eastmont Baptist Church where she was a

current member.

Elgie and Doris were selected as Senior Royalty for the 1992 Apple Blossom Festival. It was an honor befitting to both of them.

Doris was well known throughout the valley for her 30 plus years of work at the Eye and Ear

Clinic with the majority of her time as an assistant to Dr. C.K. Miller.

Elgie and Doris were a team in creating a beautiful apple orchard and walnut grove in the

Greater East Wenatchee area, where she became known as "The Walnut Lady."

Retirement brought about a new adventure of traveling around states in their motorhome playing music and visiting family and friends. While

Elgie was picking, Doris was knitting.

These travels lead her to discover what she thought was an ideal job, a greeter at a Walmart in

the south. She then presented that idea to BiMart where she became their greeter in East

Wenatchee.

Her retirement days were filled with serving others. She was a prolific letter writer that kept the

post office in business. She was said to have a direct line to God, as she was a true prayer

warrior and her faith sustained her and gave purpose to her life. Each summer she volunteered

at Vacation Bible school helping children learn about Jesus. She loved visiting the elderly in

various retirement homes. She shared her baking with family and friends and was well known for

her apple pie and quick breads.

Floral and vegetable gardening brought her solace and calmness to a busy life, not to mention beautiful bouquets and tasty food which she shared. Her daily bible study kept her mind on godly purpose as she kept active with hand work. She quilted heirloom quilts pieced by her mother in law. Doris loved to embroider pillow cases, table clothes, and anything else you can think of, and donated her talent as fundraising for the Senior Citizen Center. Her servitude in life will be greatly missed in this beautiful valley. She is survived by her daughters, Annette Davis of Brewster, WA and Juanita and son in law Tom Bass of Carlsbad, CA, her granddaughters Shawna Wolford, Crista Davis, and Lauren Kristoff, and her great grandsons, Tebow, Hudson, and Keegan Wolford. She went to her final home on October 7, 2020 after a short, non-COVID-related illness. She is reunited with those that preceded her in death Elgie Soden, husband; all her siblings including infant Harkness and her parents. A Commemoration Service will be held in the covered entryway to Eastmont Baptist Church on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Due to the Covid - 19 State Regulation only 30 people can gather around the service with masks and social distancing. Additionally, those who wish to pay their respects, are welcome to attend in their vehicles from a distance and tune their radios to the service. A visitation will be held at Heritage Memorial Chapel in East Wenatchee on Sunday from

1 to 5 p.m. with a total of
30 people, with masks and following the social distancing marks. Doris will be
entombed at Evergreen
Memorial Park Mausoleum. You are invited to her Tribute Page at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com .
Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“ Hi Annette and Juanita, We are so sorry to hear about Doris. Our dad was Floyd Harneit, Doris' cousin. We have many fond memories of visiting with Doris and Elgie over the years. Doris and I would always exchange Christmas cards and look forward to the reunions in Havillah. She was such a blessing to so many and had such a kind heart. We will surely miss her!
Love and prayers to you and your family, Annie (Harneit) Rough and Beth (Harneit) Thompson and families

Annie Rough - October 12, 2020 at 06:52 PM

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“ Annette & Juanita - I started working at the Eye & Ear in 1975 and worked with your mom until she retired. Your folkes took their fruit to Witte's were my husband worked and our family got walnuts from your mom. We had many connections with your family over the years. Whenever your mom came into the Eye & Ear she would always come look for me until I retired the end of 2017. She would always say there is not too many of us old clinic employees left and we need to stay connected. And that we did. I know how much you will miss her, but take heart in knowing she is with your dad. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.
Colleen Hensley

Colleen Hensley - October 12, 2020 at 11:34 AM

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“ Doris was a dear friend , a devout Christian, always helping and praying for others. I will miss Her greatly. Joanne Rhea Smith

Joanne Rhea Smith - October 10, 2020 at 02:05 PM