



Elizabeth Thi Engley

October 10, 1943 - September 25, 2012

Elizabeth "Dung" Thi Engley, 68, a 44 year resident of East Wenatchee, passed away at her home on Tuesday evening, September 25, 2012 following an extended illness.

She was born Dung Thi Nguyen on October 10, 1943 at Saigon, Viet Nam to Tuvan and Trong (Nguyen) Pham. Raised in Saigon and educated at a Catholic school where she also learned to speak French and English. Following her education she received training as a Pharmacy Assistant and later she was hired by the U.S. Army as a civilian waitress serving the troops. She met Richard B. Engley while serving the troops and following his military discharge he returned and they were married on February 7, 1968 in Saigon. Upon completion of their Embassy documents, they made their home together in Wenatchee, one year later they purchased property and a home in East Wenatchee and started an orchard. Together they raised five children and were also able to get her remaining family safely to the US. While the kids were in school she was invited to teach in their classrooms her cooking skills and proper usage of chop sticks.

She worked at a variety of fruit companies sorting and packing fruit which had included, Skookum, Chief Wenatchee, Northern Fruit, Bardin Farms in Monitor, Columbia Fruit, Dole and Nevada Street Cherries. The money that she made went to assist her children and helping others in need. She had also helped as a translator and interpreter assisting other refugees.

She enjoyed cooking, stories and watching her family play football, baseball

and basketball.

Elizabeth was a longtime member of Holy Apostles Catholic Church in East Wenatchee.

She is survived by her husband, Richard "Dick" Engley, East Wenatchee; children, Thanh (Joe) Engley, Wenatchee, Kenneth "Ken" (Shelly) Engley, East Wenatchee, Maria (Bobby) Spencer, East Wenatchee, Richard "Rick" (Jennifer) Engley, Gig Harbor, Teresa (Milo) Gust, East Wenatchee; three sisters, Hue' Nguyen, Othello, WA, Cuc Rosenberger, St. George, UT, Hong Pham, Seattle, WA; six grand children, Collin Engley, Chase Engley, Keisha Engley, Kai Spencer, Eliza Gust and Amaya Gust all of East Wenatchee. She is preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Apostles Catholic Church on Monday, October 1st at 10:00 a.m., with concluding services and interment to follow at Evergreen Memorial Park. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A Vigil Service will be on Sunday, September 30th at 6:00 p.m. at Heritage Memorial Chapel. Family and friends are invited to visit her online tribute to leave condolences for her family at [www. HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com). Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee

Tribute Wall

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I didn't know your mom but in pictures she was always smiling. She seemed very happy and proud of each one of you.



The Lisson family - October 04, 2012 at 02:08 PM

JS

“ i will always remember her great pho soup and sorting cherries next to her....she was a great lady and i know she will be greatly missed by her family...thoughts and prayers to all of the engley family....

jan and barry sanger - October 01, 2012 at 11:50 PM

DR

“ We pray that God will comfort and give you peace at the loss of Elizabeth, she was a loving and very caring Lady, who has been a good neighbor, raising a great family. We are sorry for your loss.

Dick and Rosemary Rice - October 01, 2012 at 01:21 PM

DM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this time of loss.

Dick and Kathy Monroe - October 01, 2012 at 12:15 PM

ME

“ I will always treasure the last week I was able to visit Elizabeth in the hospital, and reconnecting with her family. She is a loving person who one Sunday, I sat with her for 2.5 hours and poured my heart out to her. It was like old times, going to her home and eating her Vietnamese foods, drinking tea, and sharing together. According to the priest who gave her the last rites, she is a saint, and anyone can still go to her now while she is in heaven and pour out their heart still. She can do more for us in heaven than she could in this lifetime with all it's limitations. Love you Dung and always will.

Mary Engley - September 30, 2012 at 02:54 AM

KC

“ Oh how we miss you Mom. You have left us with so many wonderful memories to keep in our hearts forever. You surrounded all of us with lots of love and made us stronger. We love you!



Ken, Shelly, Collin, and Chase - September 29, 2012 at 10:45 AM

JM

“ Dear Engley family, your mother was a very special person, she raised 5 wonderful children, she raised you to respect one another and your elders. I will always remember how all of you would address me and Roger as Mr. & Mrs. McDonald even after you were all adults. I remember you Kenny saying even after i gave you permission to call me by my first name, you said "No i am sorry i cannot do that, if my mother heard me address you by your first name i would be in trouble." I loved that in all of you, her children. Your mother was a very kind person. Our prayers are with you in this very sad time. Sincerely, Judy and Roger

Judy and Roger McDonald - September 28, 2012 at 11:38 PM

SH

“ *Our prayers are with your family.*

Severiano Hernandez - September 28, 2012 at 07:59 PM

WM

“ *I did not know you Beautiful Elizabeth, but your daughter has the biggest heart and she inherited that from you :) Blessings to the Engley family during this hard time. Blessings and prayers to you Teresa and your family.*

Wendi McAnally - September 28, 2012 at 01:19 PM

GH

“ *My thought and prayers are with the entire Engley family. Elizabeth was an inspiration to all and will be remembered by many.*

Glenda Hadley - September 28, 2012 at 01:00 PM