



Ellen June Boyd

June 28, 1925 - October 19, 2012

Ellen June Boyd, 87, a four year East Wenatchee resident and former longtime Moscow, Idaho resident, passed away on Friday, October 19, 2012 at home in East Wenatchee, following an extended illness.

She was born on June 28, 1925 at Park, Idaho to the late Helmer and Ethel Bertha (Geisler) Ringsage. She was raised in the Moscow area and received her elementary, middle and high school education at Moscow. She was married to Donald Richard Boyd on July 25, 1941 at Pasco, Washington. They made their home together in Moscow. She raised their children to their teen years before entering the workforce. She went to work for the Singer Sewing Machine Company and before long became their top sales woman. They later made her the manager of the Spokane Division. After ten years with the Singer Company, she and Donald started a drive inn restaurant in Moscow, known as the "Highway House". It became well known for being the home of the "Vandal Burger". They also started a home made ice cream store known as "The Ice Cream Bar". They sold their two businesses in the late 1960's and purchased 'The Locker Plant', a freezer-locker company where they offered meat cutting, wrapping and freezing. During the mid 1970's, they moved to Chelan where Donald became the manager of the Rosauers Grocery store and she worked as a waitress downtown. They returned to Moscow a few years later and Ellen went to work as the bookkeeper for Rick Beebe's Flooring Construction Company and Pet Store. They retired in the early 1980's and went RVing. They lived and travelled extensively in motorhomes

for 14 years. During this time they spent five years at the Colorado Adventures RV Park in Yuma, Arizona, where Don was the Maintenance Man and Ellen was a Crafts Instructor. Once they retired from travelling, they made their home at Kamiah, Idaho for a short time before returning to Moscow. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald in 2005. She continued to make her home in Moscow until moving to East Wenatchee four years ago. She was a member of King's Orchard Church of Christ in Wenatchee. She had been an active member of the Palouse Rolling Hills Good Sam Club, a member of the Mountain View Club in Moscow and had been a Camp Fire Leader.

She enjoyed Sewing, Gardening and crafts.

Ellen is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kay Williams, East Wenatchee, Janice & Larry McMillan, Moscow, Idaho and Barbara & Terry Nichols, Spokane, Washington; one sister, Muriel Bass, Quincy, Washington; 9 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Donald Boyd in 2005, her daughter, Sharon DeVoe also in 2005, one brother, Myrin Ringsage and one great granddaughter, Tiffany Cline.

A Family Gathering with Memorial will be held at a later date at Washington Creek Campground on the North Fork of the Clearwater River near Orofino, Idaho. You are invited to visit her online tribute and leave a memory for the family at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are in the Care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

SR

“ I was sad to hear about Aunt Ellen's passing. Aunt Ellen and Uncle Don were always so fun and warm to be around. I remember their motor home and their love and devotion to each other and family. They were fun to visit with and I loved listening to the stories they had to tell. God Bless them both.

Sheila (Boyd) Raymond - November 20, 2012 at 11:10 PM

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“ I hold dear the memories that I have of my great Grandma. From all the camping adventures to all the in town visits; they are all memorable in their own way. I am so thankful that I got to spend 27 years of my life with my GREAT Grandma alive and to have her be apart of special milestones that I made on my own. She has always been very involved with family and she set the bar high for the rest of the us. She set a great example that we all should live by. Family is everything. With her dedication to her loved ones; I've found inspiration by her way of life. I am blessed she was able to meet her great grandson and to attend my wedding in which she travel to Portland, OR for. She will forever be in my heart and I will love her always.

Ashley Ross - November 07, 2012 at 11:27 PM

SG

“ My Grandma gave me 50 years of wonderful memories. When I was little I would stay with her and she would always let me wear her shortie negligee that she would tie up with a string so that it would not fall off. When I got older and I would have a fight with my boyfriend, I would go and talk to her. When she was 58, she was still floating the St. Joe River with me. Gosh was that a riot. When my own children were born, she taught us how to chicken dance. I will always remember her as a positive person that was enjoying life. I hope that I can give my grandchild as many good memories as she gave me.

Suzanne Gibbs - November 04, 2012 at 09:07 PM

PB

“ Although distance made visits infrequent, all were memorable. I have fond childhood memories of Ellen, Don and their family during visits to their home in Moscow, and at family gatherings in Park, Idaho. I remember going to the sewing store, and to the Highway House. As a child, I wondered why it was the home of the Vandal Burger, not knowing that was the name of the local sports team. Ellen and Don's 50th anniversary party was a special occasion. I enjoyed visiting with them and all the family.

Phil & Evelyn Buell - October 27, 2012 at 07:50 PM

BK

“ Ellen Boyd family: I'm sorry for your loss. May the Lord comfort you and give you peace at this time. Love, Bill

Bill Knight - October 25, 2012 at 08:01 PM

NB

“ *My aunt Ellen Boyd nurtured a loving family throughout her life, which leaves us all with great memories of her caring, her sense of humor, her love of living life to her best to live. I will honor her by being peaceful in the presence of quiet woodlands where birds can be seen.*

Neal Brown - October 22, 2012 at 12:48 PM