



## Florence Freda Smith

September 20, 1919 - January 27, 2017

Florence Freda Smith, age 97, died Friday January 27, 2017 after a short bout with the flu. Florence was born on September 20, 1919 shortly after her twin sister (Esther) in Waterville, WA to George Jensen and Mary (Loebsack) Willms.

After graduating from Waterville High School in 1937 Florence attended Northwestern Business College in Spokane. After one year of school, she was married to Frank H. Smith on March 24, 1939. The couple moved to Pateros, where Florence worked as a waitress and then in the packing sheds in Brewster. After oldest son, Gary graduated from high school the family moved to Brewster where the other children Kay, Ron and Doug graduated. Later the family moved to Wenatchee and Florence found work for the Robert Belt Co. for 23 years.

Florence was a great cook and enjoyed cooking dinners and baking cookies for family members. She loved her hobbies of crocheting doilies, table clothes and doll dresses and knitting slippers, making quilted blankets, and beading. She also loved working on her outside roses and had many beautiful plants of all colors.

Florence is survived by a twin sister Esther Gallaher of Kettle Falls; children, Gary (Dannis) Smith of Omak, Kay Huffman of Entiat, Ron (Jeannie) Smith of

Aikens, SC, and Doug Smith of Spokane; 12 grandchildren, Janet (Russ) Nielsen of Wenatchee, Cami Smith of Woodinville, Tanya (Jeff) Range of Bellevue, Debbie (Todd), Basta of Savage, Montana, Diana (Dan) Small of San Clemente, CA, Dalisa (Vinney) DeChaira of Chelan, Danny (Jenny) Huffman of Buckley, Brandi Dunlop of Ireland, Rhianna Smith of Wenatchee, Tracy Hutmier of CA, Tyann (Andy) James of Pahrump, NV, Travis Smith of Spokane, and 20 beautiful great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank H. Smith in 1989, her parents George Jensen Willms and Mary (Loebsack) Willms: brothers Albert, Charlie and John: and sisters Marie and Dorothy: and grand-son Todd Smith.

The family would like to give a special thanks to all the staff at Rivers West Retirement Community for taking such excellent care of Florence. You are the absolute best. Also special thanks to her nephew Arnold Willms for all the help he provided her since her husband died

Services will be held in Kettle Falls, WA at a later date to be announced. You are invited to view her online guestbook at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com). Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with her family and loved ones. I worked with Florence in the late seventies at Robert W. Belt Co. She made me several beads which I still have. Upon reading of her death I immediately picked one out and am wearing it now in her honor. Will wear the others in the coming days. Again, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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