



## Frankie Elizabeth West Holman

December 16, 1914 - April 6, 2013

Frankie Elizabeth (Pittman) West Holman, age 98, a long-time resident of Wenatchee, WA, passed away at home on April 6, 2013. She was born December 16, 1914, near West Plains, MO to George and Maye Pittman and was named Frankie Elizabeth after her maternal grandparents, Frank and Elizabeth Willard. At the age of five, Frankie and her family moved to Tumwater, WA, where she lived until she was 13, and then the family moved to Oroville, WA, where she graduated from high school in 1932. Frankie was both the Valedictorian of her graduating class and holder of the Glover Memorial Cup for High Achievement. She then moved to Wenatchee to attend Wenatchee Business College and after graduating, began working for Mr. E.M. Raymond in the office at both the Meadowmoor and Apple City Dairies for a five-year period. In 1936, Frankie married H. Owen West of Wenatchee, and in 1939, their daughter, Beverly, was born. In January, 1940, the family moved to Los Angeles, where Owen worked in the defense industry for North American Aviation during WWII. In 1941, their son, Terry, was born, and by the summer of '45, Los Angeles was getting too big and busy for them, so they moved north to Merced in the central valley of California. Later, Frankie went to work in the office of Miles & Sons Trucking Co. in Merced. Missing the Wenatchee Valley, the Wests moved back in 1949, and have never left. In 1950, Frankie went to work for Ferguson-Ross, which became Flanigan, Libke & Jones Insurance Agency and later, Libke, Jones & Mitchell. She retired after nearly 30 years, part of that time as office manager. After becoming widowed

in 1987, she was encouraged to take a trip and chose Australia and New Zealand, which she enjoyed so much; this led her to more travel in Europe, and then closer to home, visits to Washington, DC/Williamsburg and later, with daughter, Beverly to New Orleans , Memphis and the South. Frankie married long-time Wenatchee orchardist Alvin Holman in 1991, but was widowed in 1992; however, Al had introduced Frankie to wintering in Arizona in that short time and she enjoyed it so much that she spent five more winters there. Frankie was a long-time member of the United Methodist Church and enjoyed participating in and serving as President of Wesleyan Service Guild. She was a member of the Wenatchee Insurance Women's Organization for ten years and a lifetime member of the Soroptomist Club. She loved playing bridge and was a member of the "Jolly Dollies" Bridge group from 1951 until 2010. Frankie will always be remembered by her family as special, "we always knew she was behind us in whatever we chose to do."

Frankie was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Knox, Morris, and Glen Pittman; husband, Owen; second husband, Alvin; and daughter, Beverly. She is survived by son, Terry (Linda) West of Wenatchee; second marriage sons, Don (Connie) Holman of Dryden and Roy (Carol) Holman of Walla Walla; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren,

The family wishes to thank Home & Hospice Care 'Angels', Melinda, Barb, Carla, and Nicole.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 2013, at the First United Methodist Church, 941 Washington Street in Wenatchee. Arrangements by Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.