



Helen Gay McCollum

August 1, 1931 - April 26, 2015

Helen Gay McCollum, 83, passed away on April 26, 2015 in Wenatchee. She was born on August 1, 1931 to the late James and Jessie (White) Flemming in Wideman, Arkansas. At the age of 13 her family moved to Wenatchee where she attended Wenatchee High School. Helen met and married Escum "Doc" Ross and they had three children, Marilyn, James and Debbie. Doc worked in construction and they moved around following construction job sites in Illinois and Ohio. Helen enjoyed being a housewife caring for her children and home. After the death of Doc, her family helped her pack up her home and children and return to Wenatchee, here she met and married William McCollum in 1961. They added Cindy to the family. Helen continued to stay at home with the children, when she wasn't canning or preparing meals she would take in ironing, washing and sewing to help with the finances.

Helen will be known by her children as a very loving, protective "Momma Bear". She made the children her life and hobby and passed on to them her ability to maintain a home and cook amazing meals. After the older children left home she went to work as housekeeper at the Holiday Lodge. She was a member of Church of Christ.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Escum (Doc) Ross; sisters, Armilda Box, Alta Bruggman and Patsy Foltz.

Helen is survived by her children, Marilyn Elliott, James (Debra Weinstein) Ross, Debbie (Don) Sommers, Cindy Eldridge; brothers, Bob (Joan) Fleming,

James (Pat) Fleming, Gary (Sharon) Fleming; 13 grand children and 15 great grand children.

You are invited to view her online guest book at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

SP

“ Was sadden to see that Helen had passed away. I worked at the Holiday Lodge for two and a half years and got to know her quite well. She was a great example of her faith as a believer in our Lord.

Sharon Parker - May 14, 2015 at 03:17 PM

BM

“ we worked together at the hoiday lodge we all was a big family you will be missed love you always barb

barbara myers - May 13, 2015 at 08:11 PM

SA

“ Jim and Debbie, was sorry to hear about your mom, so soon after John's death. Been trying to find you guys, still in West Virginia? Please get in touch!! Love, SAS

sas alford - May 11, 2015 at 03:48 PM

KN

“ Years ago we worked together, we didn't get along at all at first, we had our go-arounds, but it made us closer and we became very dear and close friends. I haven't gotten to see dear Helen for years but we kept in contact by mail and phone, she will be missed by all and very much missed by me, love you Helen, Kat

Kathy Neal - May 10, 2015 at 03:12 PM

PN

“ I am so sorry to hear about the death of your Mother. She has always held a special place in my heart. Such an amazing person.

Patricia Snyder Norton - May 10, 2015 at 01:17 PM

DS

“ I love you Mom and will miss you until we can all be together again someday! I have comfort in the knowledge you are once again with daddy; mamo and papo; Alta; Aunt Billie and Patsy. Be Happy and At Peace. Love Forever.



Don and Debbie Sommers - May 10, 2015 at 01:57 AM