



Joy Harestine Horner

June 14, 1923 - July 14, 2012

Joy H. Horner, 89, a Wenatchee Valley resident for nearly 70 years, passed away on Saturday morning, July 14, 2012 at Blossom Valley Memory Care Center in Wenatchee.

Strength, Dignity and Laughter

"Strength and dignity are her clothing;

She laughs at the time to come."

Proverbs 31

Joy's strength has been a precious gift and blessing. With her openness to people came a quiet courage. This was a courage displayed throughout her life, which endured to the end.

There was nothing remote or distant about her own sense of dignity. Her smile, her wave, her walk, her talk, her attitude towards life were beyond words.

We don't mourn her death, but give thanks and celebrate her life, which was filled with such a rich sense of fun, joy and laughter.

She had an immense vitality that did not fail her. She had a great old age, but remained young at heart. The young recognized her youthful spirit.

"She laughs at the time to come": Her laughter reflected an attitude of confident hope in the face of adversity and the unpredictable challenges of life. Her laughter was rooted in the depth and simplicity of her abiding faith that this life is to be lived to the fullest as a preparation for the next.

Strength, dignity, and laughter were three special qualities of hers that were grounded in her Christian faith and that clothed her life so richly. These are qualities that with her passing that we too -- by the grace of God - may seek to put on afresh in our own lives. Let that be part of her legacy and part of our tribute to her.

Proverbs 31 has more to say about Joy. Words we can summon now as we commemorate her life: "Many have done well, but you exceed them all."

She was born on June 14, 1923 at Gid, Arkansas to Grant and Ethel (Kinsey) Moser. She grew up in Gid and attended school in Melbourne, Arkansas. In 1941, when she was 18, she made the move with her entire family to Wenatchee.

Joy went to work at Keokuk in Rock Island, where she worked as a Fork Lift Operator. At the beginning of W.W.II in 1942, she joined the war effort and worked at Boeing up through 1943. She was married to John James Holloway and they had three children. She was later married to Arthur Sherman Horner in 1951, they had two daughters. They made their home together in East Wenatchee.

Joy returned to the workforce and worked packing and sorting fruit for Northern Fruit Company for many years. She retired in 1985. In February of 1988, she was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur. She continued to make her home in East Wenatchee until moving to Blossom Valley in 2006.

She was a longtime member of the Wenatchee Free Methodist Church where in years past she had been actively involved as a Sunday School Teacher and as a Church Camp Cook.

She enjoyed crafts, especially wall floral arrangements and her flower gardens.

She is survived by three sons, Victor John "Vic" (Sue) Horner, Wenatchee, Michael Wayne "Mike" (Pamela) Horner, Shelton, WA and Richard Grant "Rich" Horner, Corona, CA; one Daughter and her longtime companion, Deborah Rose Horner and Lowell Roberts, both of East Wenatchee; 8 grandchildren; Chad Victor Horner, Martin Jeffrey Horner, Jason Michael Horner, Richard Marc Horner, Jenny Rebecca Hoffer, Joshua James Scott, Daniel Jacob Carrier, Kyle Douglas Carrier, 9 great grandchildren; Skylar Wayne Horner, Alexandria Marie Horner, Jacob McKinley Scott, Hayden Dean Hoffert, Colton David Horner, Wyatt Griffith Horner, Eva Linn Horner, Owen Banning Horner, Carson Michael Horner, and 1 great great grandson; Wyatt Allan Knopp. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur, one daughter, Lisa Joy Carrier on Jan. 6, 2012, grandchildren, Kari Linn Horner, Tamella Gail Horner, great grandchild, Nathan Horner, sister, Helen Warnett and three brothers, Homer Moser, Pat Moser and John Moser.

A Family Graveside service will be held on Saturday, July 21st at 9:30 a.m. in Evergreen Memorial Park, East Wenatchee, followed by a Commemoration Service at the Wenatchee Free Methodist Church at 11:30 a.m. with Pastor Les Krober officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. You are invited to visit her online tribute at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Joy's family. She was a very beautiful woman. I know how much she is going to be missed.

Lance and Maryann Coleman - July 17, 2012 at 04:07 PM

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“ Joy was a light in my life as a child growing up in East Wenatchee. She was a wonderful Sunday School teacher and role model of a Godly woman. I always felt welcome in her home (right across the street from the old Eastmont High School on 9th St.). I remember going to her in great need one day after I had slipped off the icy step of the bus when arriving one morning for school. I trudged to her house bloody and battered and she fixed me up. I am proud to be a small part of the great legacy she has left behind.

Debbie Peart Kwast - July 16, 2012 at 10:00 PM