



## Juanita Della Thomas

December 16, 1936 - January 21, 2011

Juanita D. Thomas, 74, a 70 year Wenatchee area resident, passed away at her home in Wenatchee on Friday morning, January 21, 2011.

She was born on December 16, 1936 at Spearfish, North Dakota to the late William Eldon and Iris Juanita (Morden) Alexander. At an early age the family moved to the Wenatchee area. She entered and attended elementary school in Chelan briefly before they moved to Cashmere and then on to Wenatchee. She attended school at what is now known as Cascade Christian Academy. Her first form of employment began as baby sitting prior to going to work at Deaconess Hospital in the Cafeteria. She later worked in the Laundry Department at Colonial Vista Convalescent Center. On May 3, 1975, she was married to Oscar A. Thomas in Wenatchee. They have since continued to make their home in Wenatchee. Juanita worked seasonally in the area fruit warehouses prior to starting her own child care in her home. They also became foster parents to several children through the years.

Juanita especially enjoyed her grandchildren, making afghan blankets with love and care, crocheting and knitting.

She is survived by her husband, Oscar "Oss" Thomas, Wenatchee; four children and their spouses, Loretta Galindo, Wenatchee, Penny (Steve) Reyes, Wenatchee, Ozzie (Betty) Reeves, East Wenatchee and Donna (Roger) Barham, Orondo; two sisters, Darlene (John) Grimmatt and Pearl (Bob) Balam all of Yuma, AZ; two brothers, Earnie (Maudie) Broughman, Soap Lake, WA and Eli Alexander, Deer Park, WA; 13 grandchildren and 11

great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one granddaughter, Crystal Loretta Galindo in 1987.

A Commemoration Service will be held on Wednesday, January 26th at 11:00 a.m. at the Valley View Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1201 10th Street N.E., East Wenatchee, with Pastor Jim Anderson officiating. The interment will follow in Evergreen Memorial Park. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Tuesday from noon to 8:00 p.m. Please sign in or leave a message for the family online by visiting [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com) . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry for you loss of such a wonderful woman. She was always thoughtful and loving. I still remember coming over to Penny and Steve house after we took Cassie to get he pictures done when she was just one month old and everyone was there and Juanita took Cassie and held her the whole time we were there. She had such a way with children they always loved her. You all are in our thoughts and prayer's Andy & Megan Alaniz

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**Megan Alaniz** - January 27, 2011 at 07:59 AM

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“ My love and thoughts are with Juanita's family, especially Oscar. I felt very privileged to have our names combined. She was so special and everyone loved her enthusiastic personality, especially at the family reunions. She always had a smile to share. I will really miss her. Anita

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**Anita Morden Guenther** - January 25, 2011 at 04:20 AM