



Rose Louise Kimball

June 10, 1926 - February 5, 2016

Rose Louise Kimball passed away on March 5, 2016 at the age of 89. She was born on June 10, 1926 to the late Hugh and Anna (Lang) Putman in Arlington, WA.

Our story , Gene & Toni Roemer, begins in 1979 when we bought the home next door to Jim and Rose and began as "driveway" neighbors...and became instant friends as they adopted us and Kate and Nikki as their own. You can see by the many pictures of children through the years that they loved and adopted many children through the decades.

I have only bits and pieces of the story of Rose and Jim before we met, but she grew up in Arlington with her sister and brother. She was a USO girl during the war and she remembered those days fondly as well as living up at Lake Wenatchee.

Jim and Rose married after the war and made their life in Wenatchee. Jim passed away in 1981 and I became the Executor of her estate. Thinking that we would all live forever but time passes and life happens. Rosie began falling in 2011 more often and Toni and I had to make the decision to find a new home for Rose. Blossom Valley seemed to be the perfect fit. The staffs were so kind to Rose and I could stop in and see her on my way to and from school on most days. She loved it at Blossom and she often referred to the staff affectionately.

Rose loved her Romance novels and would often have 2 or 3 going on at the same time. When it got hard for her to read, I began reading to her....I actually

got involved in the plot lines and would update my kids at school. I still am in the middle of one that has two sisters buying a small hotel in Spain and their adventures. Some days I would read to her even when I thought she was sleeping, but when I stopped reading her eyes would open and her look was "keep reading".

Rosie never mentioned a church affiliation but the kind way that Rose lived I am certain that God was living in her. I am sure that God is welcoming her home, free of her chair and she's dancing right now.

- Gene Roemer