



## Sarah Jane Ficker

October 13, 1929 - July 8, 2015

Sarah Jane Ficker, 85, of Concrete, Washington, a former Wenatchee area resident, passed away on Wednesday night, July 8, 2015 at Skagit Valley Hospital in Mount Vernon, following a sudden illness.

She was born on October 13, 1929 at Broad, Texas to the late David and Katie Mae (Robbins) Clendennen. When Jane was 10 years old, their family moved to Southern California, settling at El Centro. She graduated from Central High School in El Centro with the class of 1948.

When she was 17, she met Kenneth Greg Ficker while riding on the school bus. They were married on August 9, 1948 at Yuma, Arizona and made their first home together in El Centro. Jane went to work as a Private Secretary for a Lieutenant Colonel at the nearby Naval Air Station. In 1951 they moved to San Diego and on to Victorville, California in 1964. A brief move to Wenatchee in the late 1960's before settling in Rock Island for five years. During this time, Jane worked at the Wenatchee Valley Clinic as a Secretary in the Billing Department. In 1976 they moved to Oroville. In 1980 was the beginning of new adventures for Jane and Ken as resort and motel management. They worked at the Spader Bay Resort at Chelan, Days Inn Motel in Bellevue for seven years, moving to Anchorage, Alaska in the late 80's to the Lakeshore Motel for two years then returning to the Northwest to manage the Anacortes Motel in Anacortes, WA for the next eleven years. In 2008, they moved one last time to their property at Concrete, WA.

Sister Ficker was a longtime member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

day Saints and is a current member at Sedro Woolley, Skagit River First Ward. She especially enjoyed her family, sewing and was a very accomplished seamstress and being the family genealogist.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Kenneth G. "Ken" Ficker, Concrete, WA; four children and their spouses, Ken E. & Ellen Ficker, Cashmere, Dave & Cindy Ficker, East Wenatchee, Steve & Lisa Ficker, Farmington Hills, MI and Shawna & Danny B. Gibson, Seattle; one sister, Maggie Harton, Roseburg, OR; ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Ronald William Ficker.

All are invited to visit her tribute online at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com) . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.