



## Lorna Emily Bolyard

June 26, 1920 - July 19, 2013

Lorna Emily (Rose) Bolyard passed away on July 19, 2013 in Moses Lake, Washington at the age of 93. Lorna was born in Warragul, Australia on June 26, 1920 to John Rose and Louisa (White) Rose. She had two sisters (Ilene and Bertha), one brother (Frederick), step-brother Stan, and step-sisters Jewell and Violet.

Lorna is preceded in death by her dear husband Buster. She is survived by their only daughter, Judith; their grandchildren Sage, Crystal, and Jazz; and great grandchildren Talisa, Thaddeus, Sky, and Rose. She also leaves behind her sister and brother, and many nieces, and nephews, both in Washington and in Australia. With an abundance of love and an adoration of many they met, Lorna and Buster were also unofficially adopted by many people they came across.

When Lorna met her future husband Buster while he was in Australia, it was love at first sight. They became engaged in 1943, and continued a long distance relationship until she was able to enter the United States in 1946. The two were married in Coulee City just a few days after she arrived.

On March 16, 1954, Lorna became a naturalized citizen of the United States, something she took great pride in. But despite spending most of her life in Washington, she never completely lost her accent.

Lorna and Buster made their home near Coulee City, Washington on a small wheat farm where Buster did his dry land farming. Years later they bought property in Cascade Valley and built a little farm as Buster began working for Grant County. After Buster's passing in 1999 after over 50 years of marriage, Lorna sold the house and moved into town.

Lorna worked for many years at the Porterhouse Restaurant and Hallmark Inn. She was an active member of her community, always getting involved with different organizations and events. She was a member of the Desert Reds (the local Red Hat Society), and was a member of the Moses Lake St Martin's Episcopal Church. She loved to play Bunko, cook,

and socialize.

Pageants were always an interest and passion for Lorna. Her father was actively involved with pageants when she was a child, and she won the title of Miss Hotel Australia in 1945. Carrying her passion with her when she came to the U.S., Lorna and a friend organized the Miss Moses Lake Scholarship Pageant in 1960. The pageant was started for the Moses Lake Yacht Club, and Lorna served as Judges' Chair for the Pageant. She was also an active member of the Miss Washington Pageant, and was heavily involved with several local Jr. Miss Scholarship Programs (now Distinguished Young Women) and the Mrs. Washington America Pageant. She and Buster were members of the original Miss Moses Lake Float and Festival Committee, building floats and travelling to other communities with local queens and princesses.

Lorna mentored and judged many young women, helping them with their interviews, their walks, talent, and poise. The special training she provided, along with her passion, helped contribute to many young women receiving thousands of dollars in scholarships. Lorna was always so proud of the girls she worked with, maintaining relationships throughout the years and expressing her pride in the accomplishments of all her girls. Attending a Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City was a highlight of her life, as well as chaperoning a Miss Moses Lake to Yonazawa, Japan, Moses Lake's Sister City. Lorna also served on the Sister City board.

One of Lorna's proudest moments came when she was honored as the first Ms. Washington Senior 2006.

Lorna was loved by all who met her, and she will be dearly missed.

Per Lorna's request, there will be no funeral service. We invite all of her friends and family to share their memories about Lorna on her tribute page at [NicolesFuneralHome.com](http://NicolesFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery

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## **Valley View Memorial Park**

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Soap Lake, WA, 98851

# Comments

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“ Aunt Lorna and Uncle Buster were always a favorite to visit when I was growing up. Whether we lived in Moses Lake or Yakima, it was always fun to visit their farm. I have memories of my mom, Jane, helping with the delivery of a calf, of the all oriental things in their home, the accordion, walking with Uncle Buster as he irrigated the fields, and much more. Our time with that was of a simpler and very enjoyable time in our lives.



**Tim Messick** - June 24, 2014 at 03:23 AM

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“ The Cascade Valley Crew was a tight knit group in my growing up years. Buster and Lorna lived right around the corner from my Grandma Noreen and my parents, Speedy and Bobbie Quick. Lorna took me to the Episcopalian church when I was five years old and I indoctrinated my parents after they couldn't get me to quit talking about the services. Course, those that know me realize I've always been a run-on sentence ready to be punctuated! Lorna was my mentor when I was in the Miss Moses Lake Pageant in 1969 - there's when patience was of virtue trying to turn a country girl into a silk purse from of a sow's ear. Winning Ms. Congeniality says it all for me as the coveted award of that pageant year. In the summer months when I was home planting the 40 acres at the Quick-Dick Ranch for Mother's Day I would bestow Lorna with patio flower pots and was glad to provide blooms for a woman that never ceased to amaze me with her energy. Lorna would walk the Cascade Valley road every day for 4-5 miles, which I'm sure contributed to her longevity. You were an icon Lorna, especially in the pageant community. You are indeed wearing the crown jewel on higher ground now. My condolences to the family- may peace be with you. Linda Quick

**Linda Quick** - August 01, 2013 at 05:16 PM

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“ My dear Senior Mrs. Washington- You will be greatly missed. You were always so wonderful to talk with at Miss ML functions. I so admire your drive and am so thankful for all of the encouragement you have shown me throughout the years. I hope you have the best, sparkliest crown you have ever worn now! Save one for me too. Love to you and your family. XXOO Sara Talbot, Miss Moses Lake 2007

**Sara** - July 30, 2013 at 10:59 PM

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“ "Our deepest sympathy to Lorna's family, we have known her for many years, what a terrific person". Lorna will truly be missed.

Friends, David and Pat Ledbetter

**David & Pat Ledbetter** - July 30, 2013 at 03:20 PM

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“ Lorna was certainly one of a kind. I met her nearly 40 years ago they the pageant system and she taught me tons. I spent many nights in her home with both she and Buster and loved them both. You could always count on Lorna for anything whether it was pageant advice, a recipe, vegetables from her garden or goodies from her canning pantry. She loved with all of her very big heart and was loved by many. She may be gone but she will never be forgotten. I will miss you Lorna.

Love, Carolyn Kampsula

**Carolyn Kampsula** - July 28, 2013 at 11:53 AM

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“ Rest Well Lorna you were a very fine lady, co worker, friend and customer. I will remember the banquets we did together at the Hallmark Inn , you made me do my very best. thank You and God Bless. with tears,  
Cliff Smith

**cliff smith** - July 27, 2013 at 08:18 PM

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“ I attended St. Martin's Church for many years with Lorna, was on Sister City Committee with her, helped with mock interviews for Miss Moses Lake and had other contacts with Lorna. She always had kind things to say about and to me. I'll miss her.  
Louis Logan

Louis Logan - July 27, 2013 at 05:33 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Lorna, what an amazing woman she was. I first met her in 1977 when she worked as a waitress at the Hallmark Inn and I was her bus boy. Throughout the years when ever I got the chance for our paths to cross it was always a treat. Lorna, you will truly be missed. Dave Holle

Dave Holle - July 26, 2013 at 04:27 PM

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“ Cheers to the most proper woman I have ever had the pleasure of meeting! Thanks Lorna for your patience and wisdom!

Jamie Casteel - July 26, 2013 at 02:32 PM

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“ Grandma was the best cook and canner! She made the most amazing pickled beets and bread n butter pickles !

sage bolyard - July 25, 2013 at 07:33 PM



“ And the best curried tomatoes!

melanie charley - July 27, 2013 at 02:06 AM

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“ Grandma was unlike anyone else I've ever known. She had more energy and motivation in her than most people a quarter of her age. I have so many memories of spending the summers with her and grandpa that I will forever cherish. I will miss her voice and accent, her recipes and cooking (especially her homemade spaghetti sauce), her stories, and her uniqueness. I am lucky to have a grandma that was so wonderful, and so loved by many.

Crystal Bolyard - July 25, 2013 at 06:33 PM