



## Maxine Leone Howell

June 16, 1931 - March 22, 2018

Maxine Leone Howell, age 86, passed away peacefully at home Thursday, March 22nd in the company of her loved ones. She was born June 16, 1931 in Tisdale, Saskatchewan Canada, the only child of ED and Maude (Hartman) Hamm.

Maxine moved to Vancouver, British Columbia at an early age where she experienced big city life including having her own paper route and participating in the local swim team. It was the wonders of Stanley Park that she explored most during those days.

In 1947, the family moved to Concrete, WA where her father, ED, served as the last station master for what would become this, her home town. Maxine not only became a naturalized US Citizen here but also met and married the love of her life, Orland Howell. Having been from a small family, her inclusion to such a large group gave Maxine one of the great drives of her life, seeking, maintaining and documenting connections with all her new family. Her interest in people extended to those she met along the way. Maxine sought out and received friendship from most everyone she encountered. She was truly a fan of people.

Of course, the greatest treasure to Maxine was her family which included three children, Patty (Dwight) Rhoads, Elbert, Carol Ann (Lonnie) Johnson, 9 grandchildren: Ron (Jerri Lynn) Rhoads, Rhonda Ramm, Cheri (Jerry) Yeager, Larry (Beth) Johnson, Rachel (Larry) Moreno, Tereesa (Jim) Wentland, Kirk Johnson, Danny Rhoads, Samantha Slabach, many great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Maxine was preceded by her parents, whom she will rest near through eternity. Graveside services will be held at Forest Park Cemetery in Concrete, Washington at a future date to be announced. The family suggest memorial be donated to the Hospice of your choice assisting them in their important work. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at <http://www.nicolesfuneralhome.com>. Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, Wash.

# Comments

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“ Memories of Maxine...visiting their home a safe a kid was always special and fun, a treat in be invited for a visit. I can hear Maxine's laughter. Maxine and her Mom, were very highly respected in our home growing up. Running into Maxine and Orland In recent years was a delight and a highlight of the year. So sorry for the loss, Deanna Ray

**Deanna** - April 01, 2018 at 08:01 AM

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“ Maxine Maxine Maxine. You were one of a kind, and will be forever missed. So happy for the memories I have and my kids too. My boys still giggle about your method to get a smile out of them for pics. EPIC!! The pic you sent me with that fake tattoo has been in sight the last week. Miss you already! Shine bright and give Granny a hug for all of us. Love you forever.

**Eileen Orr** - March 28, 2018 at 04:18 AM



“ I saw her 2 weeks before fate took over. She told me, " I'm still passing wind, who could ask for anything more"?. I want to be just like her!!

**Rhonda Ramm** - April 01, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ Maxine was such a beautiful spunky little gal. I was blessed to get to know her through my daughter in law along with any others became added to our family. It was a delight to see Maxine and Orland any time I had the blessings to be around them. I loved this little gal. Sorry to my family for our loss.

**Gidget Moreno** - April 02, 2018 at 10:39 PM