



## Bertha "Bebe" Thompson

July 14, 1941 - April 8, 2018

On Sunday,  
April 8, 2018,  
Bertha Bell  
Thompson, a  
longtime, wellknown  
resident  
of Ephrata,  
Washington,  
passed away  
peacefully in  
her sleep. She  
was fondly and lovingly known  
to her friends and associates as  
BeBe Thompson.  
Bebe was born in Seattle,  
Washington on July 14, 1941  
to Benjamin and Mabel Bell  
Thompson.  
She graduated Valedictorian  
from Ephrata High School in  
1958 and graduated Phi Beta  
Kappa Cum Laude from Whitman

College in 1962. Bebe received a PhD in Mathematics from the University of Washington on 1967, and went on to teach at the University of Seattle for seven years – after which time she received her CPA.

Bebe returned to Ephrata to take care of her mother and grandmother where she worked as a CPA at the well-known firm of Sutter, Kunkle and Thompson in Ephrata and Moses Lake.

Her family is remembered as the owners and operators of the Bell Hotel in Ephrata and many residents fondly recall having her mother, Mabel, as their teacher at the local Ephrata schools. Bebe not only will be remembered for her family ties to the community, but for her gift to gab, avid joke telling, generosity to others, and her sense of humor.

Bebe was preceded in death by her grandmother, who died in 1989 at the age of 97; her father, Benjamin Thompson; her mother, Mabel Thompson, who died in 2012 at the age of 102; and her daughter, Linda Purcell in 2016.

Bebe was 76 and will be greatly missed by many.

At Bebe's request, no service will be held. Donations made in her name to National Public Radio would be lovingly appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

## **Ephrata City Cemetery**

333 E St. S.W.  
Ephrata, WA

# Tribute Wall

MI

“ *Michael lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bebe" Thompson*



Michael - June 17, 2018 at 04:44 PM

CH

“ *Bebe was the smartest woman I knew. She always had time to talk, never too busy for a friend. My life is forever changed because I knew her. She will be missed forever. I love you Bebe.*

christy - April 29, 2018 at 07:25 PM

BS

“ *I will always have fond memories of Bebe. She was my accountant for many years. She enjoyed bowling and went to State Tournament with the Odessa gals one year. She was a fun person to be around with her humor and jokes. Her dedication to her mother was amazing and heart warming. When I think of Bebe, it makes me smile.*

Barb Schlimmer - April 20, 2018 at 12:19 PM

SP

“ *Susie Page lit a candle in memory of Bertha "Bebe" Thompson*



Susie Page - April 19, 2018 at 04:07 PM

Jack D  
Ram

“ *Jack D Ram lit a candle in memory of Bertha  
"Bebe" Thompson*



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**Jack D Ram** - April 16, 2018 at 06:51 PM