



Elsa Ruth Smith

April 23, 1939 - March 21, 2023

With saddened hearts, we announce the death of Elsa Ruth (Lovestrand) Smith, 83, who passed away March 3, 2023, in Ephrata, WA. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Elsa was born on April 23, 1939, in Yakima, Washington to Swedish parents, Emil and Astrid (Rehn) Lovestrand and lived in the Wiley Heights community until her marriage to Richard Ramsey in 1960. She attended high school at Highland High School until West Valley was built in 1955. She then transferred and was in the second graduating class of West Valley High School in 1957.

In the 70's, Elsa married Maurice Smith, and they lived in the Carnation area until they retired to Ephrata, where they enjoyed many years and good times with friends and family. Elsa was a dreamer. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile, twinkling blue eyes, sense of humor, gardening and cooking skills, generosity, and her artistic vision.

She is survived by her children, Vicki Hohmann of Yakima, Rick Ramsey (Julie), of Bellevue and John Ramsey of Arlington. Also, 5 grandchildren; Tyler, and Travis (Ashley) Hohmann, Kayla and Cooper Ramsey, and Mackenzie Ramsey. She was recently blessed with a great-grandchild, Rhett Hohmann. In addition, survivors include 1 brother, Roland Lovestrand, and 3 sisters, Phyllis Ingebretson, Sharon Vance, and Becky Thomas and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Her family loved her 'to the moon and back'.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice Smith, her parents, and siblings, Bernard Lovestrand, Lillian Lovestrand, Barbara Nies, and Rita Vierling.

A private family internment is planned.

A memorial celebration for Elsa will be held at The American Legion, 276 Eighth Ave NW. Ephrata, WA. 98823 on Friday, July 28th from 12:00-2:30 pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **28**. 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM (PT)

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