



## Lillian Park

September 5, 1933 - January 5, 2012

Lillian Hope Park, a longtime resident of Ephrata, WA died peacefully at her home on Thursday January 5, 2012. She was born September 5, 1933 at home to Isaac Dewey Hope and Hattie Lucille Park Hope in Sugar-Salem, Idaho, where she spent her childhood youth. Lillian moved to Washington state and the Columbia Basin with her father, mother, and sister, Violet in 1949 and there joined her brothers, Clifford and Eldon with their families in Quincy, Washington. Her sister, Marie, had married Tom Parke, and they continued to live in St. Anthony, Idaho. Lillian attended Quincy High School and later met Jack James Park and fell in love. They were married December 16, 1951 in the Ephrata Recreation Center building. They just recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. In 1953 they bought their first home in Ephrata, and Lillian gave birth to twin boys, Clayton and Clinton. They were later blessed with a daughter, Deborah, and another son, Evan. Lillian was a dedicated member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and provided many years of service and devotion to the Church's children's Primary, Sunday School, and Relief Society programs. Lillian sincerely supported her husband, Jack in all his endeavors in the church, his career with the PUD, and as a co-business owner in The Hobby House, Western Collectors Antique & Gun Shows and Gun Shop, and J & L Art Source. She loved and appreciated all things beautiful, and loved to be creative. She had learned to crochet, embroider, needlework, quilting, painting with watercolors and chalk, and graphic design. Lillian was preceded in death

by her father, Isaac; mother, Hattie; brothers, Clifford and Eldon; sisters, Marie and Violet. Lillian is survived by her husband Jack of Ephrata; sons, Clay Park of Soap Lake, Wash., Clint Park of Wenatchee, Wash., and Evan (Keli) Park of Scottsdale, Ariz.; daughter Debbie (Dan) Harper of Ephrata; seven grandchildren, six step-grandchildren; nine great-grand-children; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 10:30 a.m., at the Ephrata LDS Chapel, 1301 Division Ave E. The family will receive friends before the service at the church from 9:45-10:25 a.m. Burial at the Ephrata City Cemetery will follow the funeral service.

# Cemetery Details

## Ephrata City Cemetery

333 E St. S.W.  
Ephrata, WA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 9:45 AM (PT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Lds  
1301 E Division  
Ephrata, WA 98823

## Service

JAN 14. 10:30 AM (PT)

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## Graveside

JAN 14. 11:30 AM (PT)

Ephrata City Cemetery  
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Ephrata, WA



# Tribute Wall

JE

“Debbie and Jack asked me to come 3 times a week for a couple hours each day, her last few months, to help Lillian (and Jack) with a little light housework, fix lunch and do whatever Lillian wanted me to do--or just sit and visit with her. This gave Jack an opportunity to go to town and run errands too. I already knew them from church and remembered all Lillian had done for others. And how much love and art and kindness she shared with us all. She was so generous, had a great sense of humor, loved to "be there" for you everyone in any type of need. She taught us many of her talents and had such patience with us trying to learn. I always loved that big smile she flashed and her sparkling eyes. Sometimes it was sweet and demure. Other times it was full of fun and teasing. At first, when I started coming, I wasn't sure she remembered me or even wanted me to be there. But after we teased back and forth and remembered things together, we got pretty close. I admire her for all that she represents in a true Lady and friend. For her unconditional love and untiring efforts for everyone. For her sweet, precious disposition. For her hilarious sense of humor. For all her many varied talents that she shared with all. She is always in my heart and I will forever cherish her. When "things" come up in my life, I will stop and think "How would Lil deal with this?"

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**Jan Elliott** - February 08, 2012 at 10:46 PM

RP

“ Lillian was my mother-in-law and grandmother to my beautiful daughters, Macy and Kendall. She welcomed me into her family with opened arms and has loved me ever since with unconditional love. There were so many things I loved about Lillian; but the best way for me to articulate just how amazing she was is to say that she was soft and sweet and feminine just as a woman should be- but she was also strong and determined and didn't back down when it came to standing up for what she believed in or just standing up for one of her kids. All four of them are amazing and wonderful people because of her and Jack. Now she can smile down on them from heaven knowing she loved them with all of her heart and soul. Lillian exemplified kindness, compassion, unconditional love, and acceptance and I feel so blessed to be the mother of two of her beautiful granddaughters. I see her in their eyes, hear her in their laughter, and feel her love in their hugs. Thank you Lillian, for you have blessed my life immensely from the day I met you and I will never forget how amazing you are.

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Rebecca Park-Stinson - January 17, 2012 at 01:42 PM

VA

“ I remember Lillian and Jack as being an integral part of my grandmother Bessie's life. They loved her unconditionally and brought so much to her life and supported our family when we needed them most in her death. My sisters and I had moved away from Ephrata but had many updates from Bess about what the Parks had brought over to her little apartment to brighten her day. Flowers, candy,baked goods,entire meals and transportation-all given freely. They loved her and prayed for her and provided a great source of comfort and strength. I was a pretty rowdy teen but never felt judged by Lillian-she probably just prayed a little more for me!! How lucky we are all to have had Lil in our lives. Ephrata will never be the same without her lovely smile and beautiful spirit. My heart goes out to Jack at the loss of his true love. We are all better people for having known Lillian Park. Say hi to Jesus Lil and to my grandma Bess!

Valerie Stamps Aaron

-daughter of Dale and Dorothy Smith

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valerie aaron - January 16, 2012 at 02:58 PM

DS

“ What can we say, except that Lil was invaluable to our family as well as Jack. We picture her with my mother on the other side right now, catching up on the latest here on earth. She was a great neighbor and friend to my mother. We use to call her "Lucious Lil" because of her peaches and cream complexion, and she'd giggle real low. We use to ask her how she was so blessed in having such beautiful skin, and she'd say, my mother always told me to wash my face before going to bed each night and she would giggle again. We remember Lil as having beautiful flowers in her yard, and she and Jack would pick a big beautiful bouquet of flowers and bring to my mom, or they would bring some delicious home baked treats to her. What comfort and love they gave to our family. Lil was truly a lady, we feel honored to have known her here on earth. God bless her family and may they be comforted at this time.

*With lots of love, The Dale & Dorothy Smith family*

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**Dale & Dorothy Smith** - January 14, 2012 at 11:43 PM

VL

“ Lill (and Jack) were neighbors & home teachers to my dear grandmother, Bess Harwell. While my grandmother lived alone & was battling cancer Lill & Jack were such genuine friends & support. They shared their garden, their baked goods, their love & their friendship. They provided spiritual comfort during such difficult times. Living away from my grandmother during this time was hard - but it helped to know that there were those (the Parks) who lived close & could be counted on. When my grandmother finally passed Jack & Lil were instrumental in taking care of so many things - probably even more than we even knew about. The Parks will always hold a dear spot in the hearts of our family. May God bless you & your loved family during this time.

Sincerely,

Velenti (Stamps) Lindquist

~daughter of Dorothy & Dale Smith

~granddaughter of Bessie Harwell

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Velenti Lindquist - January 14, 2012 at 09:36 PM



“ I am going to miss her so much. Lillian always had a beautiful smile on her face every time i would see her. We shared our birthdays on the same day Lillian filled a void in my heart and i am humbled for her love and kindness she always gave me. I am a better person because of her being in my life. I love this family genuinely and to Jack i am blessed by your care and concern for me always I will be here for you . To Clayton my best friend i love ya. Debbie you are a such a special person in my life and you are a beautiful gift from god. Evan i am a lucky lady to be a part of your family thank you Clinton you are always in my prayers and i am so lucky to know you

May the strength of the family see you through during this time and i am going to miss her so sincerely and with love from my heart  
michele

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**Michele Johnson** - January 13, 2012 at 08:56 PM

VP

“Lil” as my grandma Bessie Harwell used to call her was an angel. When my grandma became sick with cancer as her 'backyard' neighbor Lil and Jack would pop over to check on her all the time. This was a great comfort to me since I lived in California and couldn't be there for her. I can only imagine that my grandma is there with open arms welcoming Lil home.

*Victoria Stamps Parsons*

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**Victoria Parsons** - January 13, 2012 at 06:05 PM

LH

“ My daughter Keli is married to Lillian's youngest son, Evan. Evan is such a wonderful man and husband to our daughter. We knew that he must have come from special parents because of his integrity and kindness. We were able to meet Jack and Lillian when they came to Boise. What special and nice people they are. Lillian lived a wonderful life serving others. Our hearts and prayers are with the family at this time. We are so very thankful to have had the opportunity to meet Lillian and also that Evan takes such loving care of our daughter. Families are forever!!!

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**Laurie Hulbert** - January 12, 2012 at 01:27 PM

DH

“ 4 files added to the album Lillian



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**Debbie Park Harper** - January 12, 2012 at 12:02 PM

AC

“ *Lillian Park (Mom) was my mother in law for several years and helped and loved me through some of the most difficult times in my life. I will always remember and love her for her unconditional love. I have no doubt she is among the angels. Annise Chlarson*

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**Annise Chlarson** - January 11, 2012 at 08:57 PM