



Lorraine Cunningham

May 23, 1932 - January 26, 2017

Lorretta Lorraine Cunningham, 84 of Soap Lake passed away January 26, 2017 at Deaconess Hospital in Spokane. She was born May 23, 1932 in Tacoma, Wash. Gladys and Andy Russell raised her in Mazama and Winthrop Washinton and she graduated high school in 1949 in Winthrop. She married James A. (Jim) Cunningham, March 31, 1950. They would have celebrated 67 years of marriage this coming March. Their first lyear of marriage Jim was in the Navy stationed in Korea.

They lived in Oregon & Washington in various places and she had various jobs in her life. Their son James Lee (Jim) was born in 1952 in Brewster. Their daughter Patricia Lynn (Patty) was born in Spokane at Deaconess Hospital in 1953.

The family moved to Coulee City in the fall of 1966. She purchased the Hut Café from Art & Ethel Messick. She ran the Café until 1971 when she sold it to Bob & June Adams. She went to work for Nolan & Lois Fuller at the Dry Falls Café for many years as a cook & later as manager of the Dry Falls Mini Mart. She was known for her delicious and huge cinnamon rolls.

James Sr. (Jim) was in the excavation business and construction.

They moved to Soap Lake in 1992 and they reside there today.

Lorraine was an extremely creative and talented woman. She enjoyed arts and crafts, knitting, crocheting, making quilts, and sewing. Her husband made many wind chimes for her and she enjoyed them on her porch and in her home. She was an amazing cook and there wasn't anything she couldn't

make. She was the hardest working person and was always busy. She had a passion for her yard, garden and flowers.

Lorraine was the kindest, sweetest and most loving wife, mother, mother-in-law, friend, grandma, great-grandma and a caretaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents Andy and Gladys Russell of Brewster, Wash.

She leaves behind her loving husband, James A. (Jim) Cunningham, son James Lee (Carmen) Cunningham of Ellensburg, daughter Patricia Lynn (Patty) Wadkins of Hermiston, OR; grandchildren; Colby Cunningham of Ellensburg, Colin (Amanda) Cunningham of Yakima, Justin (Melia) Wadkins of Hermiston, Tony Wadkins of Irrigon, OR; great-grandchildren; Triston Cunningham of Moxee, Shawn Dackonish of Spokane, Braden, Makayla, Mathias, Levi, Nathan Cunningham all of Yakima, Emily and Katelyn Wadkins both of Hermiston, Aubriana, Ariel, Jake, and Alivia Wadkins all of Tri Cities; a host of friends, and two special dogs.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Coulee City on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 with a reception to follow. The viewing will be held at the church prior to the service. Lorraine will be laid to rest at Valley View Memorial Park in Soap Lake, Wash. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ASPCI to help an animal in need. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, Wash.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Memorial Park

20174 Rd A N.E.
Soap Lake, WA 98851
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Previous Events

Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (PT)

First Presbyterian Church of Coulee City
214 N 4th St
Coulee City, WA 99115