



Norma Augusta Hepner

September 10, 1921 - October 13, 2013

Norma Augusta Hepner of Ephrata, Washington, was gently ushered into her heavenly home on Sunday morning, October 13, 2013. She was born in Howard, South Dakota, on September 10, 1921, to her parents, Myrtle and Ward Smith. She had 3 sisters, Joyce, Irene and Doris, all deceased. She married Robert Hepner on October 26, 1940. They were married secretly as Norma taught in a one-room school house grades 1-8 and only single women were allowed to teach. Norma farmed with her husband in Vilas, South Dakota for 14 years before moving to Lead, South Dakota. During these years Norma fulfilled her role as homemaker. She enjoyed sewing for her children, cooking, cleaning and baking. One of her children's favorites were her big cinnamon rolls. In 1966, they moved to Auburn, Washington. Norma acquired a full-time position at Cenex Corporation where she retired before moving to Ephrata, Washington, so they could be close to their children. In their Ephrata home was a wood fireplace. They enjoyed sawing, loading and stacking wood together. Norma continued to sew, making bags for the Awana program. Norma and Robert celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2010. Her loving spouse met his Savior on September 17, 2011 and now she is happily reunited with him. She loved buying gifts for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Norma's faith was evident in her memorization of scripture and the hours she spent in prayer for her family and friends. She is survived by her children Terry Hepner and spouse, Kathy, of Ninilchik, Alaska; Preta Laughlin and spouse, Larry, of George, Washington; Tim Hepner and wife, Sue, of

Ephrata; Debra Peterson and spouse, Dan, of Newport, Washington; Trudy Diviney and longtime partner Mike Comer, of Sumner, Washington, 14 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, WA.

Cemetery Details

Ephrata City Cemetery

333 E St. S.W.
Ephrata, WA

Tribute Wall

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“ We are sorry to hear of Norma's passing. I always had fun, as a kid, when I went to Bob and Norma's farm. Ronald and I also visited them when they lived in Lead. She will be missed. Ronald and Nancy (Cooley) Jacobson



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