



Thelma Lorraine Wentworth

April 22, 1934 - December 27, 2017

Thelma Lorraine (Thompson) Wentworth, of Ephrata, WA passed away on December 27, 2017 with her husband of 62 years, Russ Wentworth, by her side.

Thelma is survived by her husband Russ of Ephrata, WA; her sons Russ (Judy)Wentworth of Selah, WA; Les (Laraine) Wentworth of Ephrata, WA; Dale (Kathy) Wentworth of Ephrata, WA; her daughter Denise (Jim) Taylor of North Pole, AK, her grandsons John (Adrienne) Wentworth of Tacoma, WA; Nick Taylor of North Pole, AK; Scott Taylor of North Pole, AK; Chris (Tina) Campbell of Moses Lake, WA; her granddaughters Kelley Wentworth (Arlen Pritchard) of Seattle, WA; Jennifer Wentworth of Snoqualamie Pass, WA; Emily Wentworth (Chris Nelson) of Post Falls, ID; Abby Taylor of North Pole, AK; Melanie (Chad) Strevy of Moses Lake, WA; 7 great-grandchildren and dozens of nieces and nephews.

Thelma was born on April 22, 1934 in King Hill, ID to William and Florence Thompson. She graduated from high school in Glens Ferry, ID and then continued her education, graduating as a Graduate Nurse from St Alphonsus Hospital School of Nursing in Boise, ID. Thelma met Russ while still in nursing school. They were married in Elko, NV in 1955, but kept it a secret until after her graduation, since she would have been kicked out of school had word got out that she was married. Over the next 5 years, the couple had 4 children, as they moved from Idaho to Ephrata, WA and started their married and farming life together. Thelma's nursing career was put on indefinite hold as they

pursued farming full time.

When not on a tractor, Thelma's hobbies included oil painting, quilting, watercolor painting and fabric dyeing. She lived in a world filled with color and was insistent that anyone she met lived there as well. She created beauty with every brush stroke and every stitch. Her generosity towards others was tremendous as evidenced by the paintings, quilts, wall hangings and clothing that adorn homes and people throughout the world. She leaves a legacy in every color of the rainbow.

She was active in White Trail Grange, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Grant County Fair, Methodist Church, Columbia Basin Gem & Mineral, and many more. Her knowledge of gems and minerals, especially fossils, was incredible and she always took time to impart that knowledge to anyone who showed an interest, especially children. She was known as the 'Dinosaur Lady' and taught programs in classrooms across the country.

Thelma is preceded in death by her parents, William and Florence Thompson; her brothers Herb, Robert and David Thompson; and her sister Lillian Tutt. A reception is scheduled for January 13, 2018, at United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 117 C Street NW in Ephrata, WA, at 11:00 AM. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Thelma's life. We ask that if she made you a quilt/wall hanging/shirt or painting, please bring to the reception so that we fill the Hall with color for her. Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, Wa.

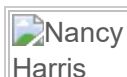
Previous Events

Reception

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (PT)

United Methodist Church
117 C Street NW
Ephrata, WA 98823

Tribute Wall

 Nancy Harris

“ Nancy Harris lit a candle in memory of
Thelma Lorraine Wentworth



Nancy Harris - January 30, 2018 at 09:23 PM

 KD

“ We were glad to have an opportunity to meet Thelma and family at the Wentworth family reunion this summer. Sending our condolences and warmest thoughts during your time of grief. Love, Jeff & Kristin (granddaughter of Fred) from Seattle

Kristin Dew - January 15, 2018 at 05:09 PM

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“ My mother-in-law, Lee Anderson has the butterfly wall hanging made by Thelma in her room at Garden Heights Assisted Living in Ephrata.
Denise, it was great to see you for a few minutes. To you and your family, our thoughts and prayers are with at this time. Greg & Libby Anderson and Lee Anderson.

Libby Anderson - January 05, 2018 at 10:09 PM

 SG

“ Condolence's to Thelma's family & friends. She was a great quilter and color artist and will be missed in our quilter groups.

Sally Goodwin - January 03, 2018 at 07:40 PM

KH

“ Karen Hand lit a candle in memory of Thelma Lorraine Wentworth



Karen Hand - January 03, 2018 at 02:36 AM

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“ *"You gotta have an ugly fabric in there to may the pretty ones shine!" Something she told me when we were picking out fabric for a quilt - bargello, of course! She could see from the look on my face that I didn't like the one fabric she picked out. She convinced me to trust her - and she was right! It worked and you couldn't tell. In fact it enhanced the quilt. I still tell myself that when I'm picking out fabric. Though there are still times...Karen Hand*

Karen Hand - January 02, 2018 at 10:56 PM