



Alberta Faith Chamberlain

April 3, 1916 - November 10, 2012

Heaven became a little brighter on November 10, 2012, as Alberta Faith (Elliott) Chamberlain was received into Christ's loving arms. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 1:00 pm, Friday, November 16, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church, 1142 W. Ivy, Moses Lake. Interment will follow at Pioneer Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from noon to 7 pm, Thursday, November 15th at Kayser's Chapel with family greeting friends from 5 to 7 pm. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel and Crematory.

Alberta was born April 3, 1916, the 5th of 6 children born to Herbert Stephen Elliott and Sara (Beeman) Elliott, on the family farm, in a small farmhouse near Altoona, Kansas. Growing up on that farm with her brothers and one sister, she spent her days doing chores and chasing chickens but especially liked being able to out-run her brothers. She attended elementary school in a one-room schoolhouse in Hatler School District and graduated as valedictorian of her high school class in Altoona. November 7, 1936, she married the love of her life, Marion Larkin Chamberlain, who lived on a neighboring farm. Once asked how she met Marion, she replied, "I suppose I've known him all my life; we met in our Mothers' arms." They were married just over 74 years when Marion passed away in April of 2011.

Soon after they were married the young couple took over the Chamberlain family farm and within the next few years they welcomed into their family,

Charlotte Jo (Lee Anderson, deceased), Gayle Anne (Ray Loescher) and Nancy Sara. In the spring of 1944 the family moved to Aberdeen, Idaho where they farmed for the next 10 years and where their three sons, Daryl Lee (died at birth), Marvin Marion (Linda Barnes, deceased) and Rex Dean (Kathy Haring), were born. During their residency in Idaho, Nancy Sara, who had contracted encephalitis in conjunction with a bout of German measles when a toddler, was institutionalized and later died.

In February 1955 the Chamberlains moved to Moses Lake, Washington, where they purchased a little jersey dairy farm on Stratford Road, in Block 40. During Alberta and Marion's stewardship, the dairy became Chamberlain Dairy Incorporated with Alberta serving as accountant and bookkeeper. Her ledgers were both comprehensive financial records and beautifully handed works of art.

Alberta was a member of many clubs and organizations. She held several different positions in the Moses Lake Garden Club, Block 40 Garden Club and Gloydettes, NFO Wives, Grant Count Dairy Wives, and was active in the Moses Lake Presbyterian Church. In the summers she gardened; in the winters she quilted. In every season, at some "spare" moments during her busy days Alberta would be at her piano playing hymns and other "old favorites" infusing peace throughout the house.

Often you would find Alberta and Marion playing Pinochle or Aggravation with friends and going on Sunday drives after church for a little relaxation.

However, their favorite thing to do was to spend time with their family which now includes—in addition to their 4 children--18 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. All holidays were spent together with most of the family in attendance on the farm. Always one to set a beautiful laden table, Alberta made sure there was plenty of food for everyone including anyone else who might drop by. All of us loved her sense of humor. For example, when one of the grandkids would ask for a treat her response often was, "Only if you think you need it." They always did.

Appropriately named Alberta Faith, she always led by example. Her deep faith

in Jesus Christ, ability to forgive, silent strength in times of diversity and strong belief that people were inherently good, carried her through many difficult times in her life. Her family was always her first priority and she made sure we all knew family was most important after God. She was a leading example on how people should respond when not being treated kindly. If someone treated her unjustly, she was often heard responding, "Maybe they're just having a bad day." Her ability to forgive and her unending love for her family and friends was felt by everyone who came into contact with Alberta. She will be greatly missed and loved for all eternity.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Service

NOV **16**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church
1142 W. Ivy
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Rex and Cathy,
We are so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. But what a legacy she and your father have left. 96 years is such a beautiful lifetime she filled with much love and faith. In Him, Luis and Diane* `###imported-begin###Luis and Diane Cerna###imported-end###`

November 17, 2012 at 11:32 AM



“ *Marv, so sorry for your loss. What an incredible life your Mom had, what more can we ask.* `###imported-begin###Jan Schuette###imported-end###`

November 16, 2012 at 10:34 PM



“ *It seems that only occasionally do we cross paths with genuinely extraordinary people...Marion and Alberta were just that for the Tebow bunch. The way they lived and loved was inspirational to us and was a way of life that we will be forever challenged to emulate. They left us memories that count as true blessings....Dad and them will now be neighbors forever.* `###imported-begin###Ron Tebow###imported-end###`

November 16, 2012 at 09:26 PM



“ I knew Alberta from my daughter Amanda Valencia that took care of Marion. Until he passed and Alberta passed. For the last eight years. She was a wonderful and caring lady. She made me laugh when I visited her. She will be surely missed.. I know both of them was we'll taken care of. My daughter Amanda has a very special touch with people. And I know that boh Alberta and Marion loved her very much. And appreciated everything She did for them and the family With love Jana I. Naab.##imported-begin##Jana I naab##imported-end##

November 16, 2012 at 02:43 PM



“ Our thoughts are with you during your time of loss.##imported-begin##Paul Belisle & Claretta Walker##imported-end##

November 16, 2012 at 11:11 AM



“ We loved your Mother and feel so privileged to have known both of your parents. What a blessing for your family to have had them with you for so many years. Please know our love and prayers are with you.
Jim and Carol Adamson##imported-begin##Jim and Carol Adamson##imported-end##

November 15, 2012 at 12:04 AM



“ Alberta always thought a lot of my Mom (her-sister-in-law) and indeed the feelings were mutual. Which probably led to the Rex & Kathy family to the blessing of all of us. We will miss her and send our deepest condolences.##imported-begin##Don Haring and Lynda Raner##imported-end##

November 14, 2012 at 03:34 PM



“ To the Chamberlain family; Alberta was the kindest, most caring lady, a person could ever meet!! She loved her family so much, and was proud of you all!! We are sorry she has left her earthly life, but know in our hearts, Alberta and Marion and singing, dancing, and watching all of you!! You are in our thoughts and prayers!! Fondly, Cathy & Paul Kersey##imported-begin##Cathy & Paul Kersey##imported-end##

November 14, 2012 at 12:05 PM



“ I extend sympathies from some of your Midwest Kinfolk. We all miss this generation!##imported-begin##David Bolander##imported-end##

November 14, 2012 at 09:12 AM



“ Rex & Kathy,

So sorry to hear of you mom's passing. She was a wonderful lady who we will all miss dearly and rememeber fondly.

Respectfully,

Rich###imported-begin###Rich Swanson###imported-end##

November 13, 2012 at 06:31 PM



“ Chamberlain Family... Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this time...###imported-begin###Luis & Delores Carvalho###imported-end##

November 13, 2012 at 01:09 PM



“ Marv and Rex, 96 years is a blessing. There are not many people who have the opportunity to spend as many years with our parents as we did. Thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Bob Trask Jr.###imported-end##

November 12, 2012 at 02:09 PM