



Byrdeen Worley

July 2, 1931 - July 8, 2008

Theodora Byrdeen Worley, 77, longtime Moses Lake resident, passed away on July 8, 2008 at Kadlec Hospital in Richland, WA following heart surgery on June 25, 2008. Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 18, 2008 at the First Presbyterian Church in Moses Lake.

Byrdeen was born on July 2, 1931 on her parents' farm at Potter, Ne to Emil Theodore and Emily (Hagemeister) Carlson. She attended two country elementary schools, Potter High School, and graduated from the University of Nebraska School of Agriculture at Curtis, NE in 1949, and obtained her RN Degree in Nursing from St. School of Nursing in Alliance, NE. She worked in Sidney, NE Hospitals and a Doctor's Office, at the Student Health Center at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, NE, and at Samaritan Hospital in Moses Lake, WA.

She married Don Worley of Hemingford, NE on February 2, 1957 in Lincoln, NE. They moved to Yakima, WA in 1959 and to Moses Lake in 1960.

She was actively involved with the Big Bend Community College and served on the Foundation Board. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was on the Committee for the recent building project. She also was a delegate for the Republican Party. She was involved with White Sands, the BLM, and other Agricultural organizations connected to her farming operation following the death of her husband.

She is survived by her son, Scott, of Pasco, WA, and her daughter, Kristine, of Tacoma, WA, her brother, Charles (Carolyn) Carlson of Kimball, NE, two sisters-in-law, Sue of WA and Phyllis Worley of MN, two brothers-in-law, Lowell Neilson II of Visalia, CA and Harold Cushing of Show Low, AZ, 19 nieces and nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don Worley in 1987, her parents, two sisters, Beverly Neilson and Betty Cushing, and one niece.

She loved flying their own plane in past years and thoroughly enjoyed the wild birds that visited her property daily and their activity on the island in Moses Lake. She did not hesitate to contact the City Council, City Attorney, Postal Department, Airport Authority, Water Authority or the BLM when there were issues she felt weren't being addressed.

She cared about her family, her church, the college, her city, her farms, her friends, cancer research, and life in general. She will be sorely missed.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Don Worley Scholarship Fund (BBCC), 7502 Chanute Street Moses Lake, WA 98837, or to The Moses Lake Cancer Foundation P.O. Box 1337 Moses Lake, WA 98837.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 18. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Scott and Kristine, I'm sorry we were unable to attend your mom's services but out of town relatives we don't get to see much were visiting the same day. I felt really badly traipsing through the guests at the luncheon after the services. Unfortunately that is the only route for wheelchairs to an accessible area. I wanted to stop and look at the table of pictures and mementoes, but couldn't. You know, your folks were responsible for our family's arrival in Moses Lake 33 years ago this coming September. Your mom showed me around the area when Chuck was interviewing for a job with Farm Management Services. She struck me than as a very caring and nice person and I've enjoyed our occasional visits in the years since. It wasn't too many weeks ago that we saw each other in downtown Moses and had a good chat. I'm grateful now that I was able to see her that recently. We enjoyed getting to know your whole family, including your Grandmother Worley and Ted and Emily. I'm sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,

Beth Yarbro##imported-begin##Beth Yarbro##imported-end##

July 29, 2008 at 07:16 PM



“ Scott, Kristine and Family,
We are saddened by the loss of your mom. She was an incredible woman whom we liked very much. She is a loss not only to your family but also to the Moses Lake community. God bless you all.
Sincerely, Lee and Gaynell##imported-begin##Lee and Gaynell
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July 21, 2008 at 12:53 AM



“ Scott,

Thank you so much to think of me and let me know of Byrdeen's passing. I always thought the world of her and appreciated that we were always treated like family! Will get something in the mail to you and Kristine this week. In the meantime, please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Becky Ray##imported-end##

July 15, 2008 at 11:54 AM



“ My sincere thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends.

I met Byrdeen through my mother (Marylou) who worked with her at Samaritan Hospital many years ago. I was her babysitter in the summer of 1969. She was a very loving and caring person. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Pam Cassiano Curnel##imported-end##

July 14, 2008 at 06:20 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the Worley family and friends of Byrdeen. My mother (Mildred Worley Jinks)and Byrdeen were good friends until her passing some time ago. My grandad was Harvey Worley's brother (Don's dad). Since the passing of Glen Worley, (Don's Uncle)there are no Worley's left in Box Butte County Nebraska, which was homesteaded by the Worley Clan.##imported-begin##Ralph Jinks ##imported-end##

July 14, 2008 at 01:04 PM



“ Scott,
Was very sad to read about your mother's passing. She looks like a beautiful and active women whom has done alot for others. Want you to know my prays and thoughts are with you through this difficult time.If you need anything please call. Take good Care,
Dennie Brewington##imported-begin##Dennie Brewington##imported-end##

July 12, 2008 at 01:50 PM



Dennie!
Just saw this dam 13 years later
Thank You for your thoughts and prayers❤️ Think of you often with much love and respect😎 I pray this reaches you!

Love Scott
509-492-8707

Scott Worley - July 23, 2021 at 09:09 PM