



Dorothy Cate

November 19, 1912 - September 26, 2009

Dorothy Nell (Hall) Cate, 96, longtime Moses Lake resident, passed away Saturday, September 26, 2009 at her home. Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at Pioneer Memorial Gardens.

Dorothy was born on November 19, 1912 in Hamlin, Texas, daughter of the late John E. and Sallie B. (Brown) Hall. She graduated from Greenland High School as Valedictorian in 1931. During high school Dorothy played 3 court basketball on a team of 6 girls that won their region. This was certainly a big deal for that time period. She was married to Russell G. Cate on September 8, 1934 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. They had three children, Nyta Lynn Coombs, Cheri Friday and Doyle Cate (Sherry).

They moved to Vancouver, Washington in 1942 and Dorothy became one of the original Rosie-the-Riveter, working in the ship yards as the first lady crane operator.

In 1947 they then moved to Moses Lake when the population was only 350 and there was still board walks along Broadway Avenue and there were movies once a week in an old house on Broadway. Dorothy made draperies at Selden Furniture and was an interior decorator for Staats Furniture.

She is survived by 3 children, Nyta Lynn Coombs, Moses Lake, Cheri Friday, Yakima, and Doyle (Sherry) Cate, Wenatchee; 13 grandchildren, Ron (Laurie) Coombs, Shawn (Kathy) Coombs, Kelly (Scott) Grigg, Scott (Carol) Coombs, Christopher (Joey) Coombs, Cameron Coombs, Chandra (Steve) Rodriguez, Christy Clasen, Holly (James) Phillips, Jason (Shalina)

Henderson, Heath (Kelly) Cate, Stacey (Rob) Hansen; 23 great grandchildren;
2 great-great grandchildren.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Russell Cate,
beloved granddaughter, Tanya Lynn Friday, grandson-in-law, Steve Olson,
and two sons-in-law, Weldon Coombs and Clint Friday.

Tribute Wall



“ We have such fond memories of Dorothy. She was the person who put together our wedding and made the event a memorable one for our family.

The times spent in Russell and Dorothy's home were fun. She always made us feel very welcome.

We know she will be missed but she has gone on to eternal reward.

*Our love,
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“ I wish we could be there. I thought so much of Aunt Dorothy and loved her pancakes when I was little.

Tom & Laurie##imported-begin##Tom & Laurie Hall##imported-end##

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“ Lynn and family...I am sorry to read of your mothers passing but how lucky you were to have her this long !

I can put the final inscription on the memorial for you. I have a photo of the marker and you will need your mothers name and birth year and death year. I am quite a bit less expensive then Benson. Please call me if you want me to order this done for you.

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