



## Elizabeth (Betty) Holben

May 13, 1925 - December 9, 2023

Longtime Moses Lake resident, Elizabeth (Betty) Holben passed away peacefully on December 9th at the age of 98. She is survived by five children: Cynthia Holben, Sylvia Allen, Kirk Holben, Bruce Holben, and Katherine Hogan. Her husband Melvin and son Marcus preceded her in death. She also leaves behind seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Betty was born May 13, 1925 to Rev. Paul and Gertrude Van Horn in Vancouver, Washington. She grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. Elizabeth graduated from high school and Heidelberg College in Ohio before following her parents back west. She took a teaching job in Lewiston, Idaho where she met her husband, Melvin. They were married in June 1949 and the city girl spent the next eleven years living on an isolated wheat farm near Endicott, WA. During those years five children were born.

The family moved to Moses Lake on January 1, 1960. The sixth child was born in Moses Lake in 1964. Betty was very active in the Pilgrim Congregational Church and later the Moses Lake United Methodist Church. She and Melvin became 4-H leaders, something she continued for almost 50 years.

Betty was widowed at age 49 and started a new chapter in her life. She taught at the Columbia Basin Job Corps and raised three children and a whole lot of

sheep. She later added volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, afterschool tutoring, and knitting countless pairs of mittens and children's sweaters for donation.

Betty always loved needlework and besides knitting she covered every family bed with beautiful quilts, sewed clothing for the family, and tatted. She enjoyed raising flowers.

Her life was devoted to family, church, and giving back to the community. She was loved and will be missed. Details of her memorial service will be announced at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to all of you for the loss of a beloved Mother. She showed me how to make those special cookies at Christmas and shared her Jack in the pulpit, that she was very glad that it had bloomed in her garden. I send Blessings to all of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, Linda Link

Linda Link - November 03, 2024 at 03:01 PM

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“ We also remember Betty in our children Carlos, Louie and Adriana's 4-H years. She was a very nice Lady and a big help in 4-H. We learned a lot and had a lot of fun. Rest in peace, Betty. Luis, Trina, Carlos and Louie Alfaro



Trina Alfaro - January 12, 2024 at 04:39 PM

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“ Kirk, Bruce and Kathy  
If all Congregationalists/Methodists were living their faith as thoroughly as your mom those two denominations would be bursting at the seams!!! She was community minded! She had a useful career! She raised great kids! She was a pleasant person! What an inspiration she was!  
Louis Logan (Did I use enough !!!!?)

Louis Logan - December 14, 2023 at 05:00 PM

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Thinking of you all in this time. I remember your mom so well in our 4-H years. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.  
Deena (Hansen) Hannen

Deena Hannen - December 15, 2023 at 12:03 AM