



## Gladys Boyce Butler Forsyth

May 12, 1917 - November 15, 2013

Gladys Boyce Forsyth passed away peacefully in her Moses Lake home of 56 years on November 15, 2013. She lived 96 years on this earth and continues to live on in the many blessings she bestowed on her children, Cheryl Avena, Yvonne Cummings and Ryan Forsyth. She is also survived by many grandchildren and a growing gaggle of great grandchildren.

Gladys was born into the rugged Canadian wilderness on May 12, 1917, to George Washington Butler and Ella Mehatable Boyce. The youngest daughter of 8 children, one of her favorite sayings was, "Many hands make light work." Growing up in the Canadian wilderness made Gladys a self-sufficient woman who could face anything with a smile and a skip in her step. As proof of her pioneer spirit and can-do attitude, nine-year-old Gladys jumped atop the family bull. Why? Why not?

In 1939, she married the love of her life, N. Scott Forsyth (deceased), and so began their 58 year journey together... A journey that would take them across oceans, gliding over dance floors and spreading the importance of family everywhere they went. They preached the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Latter-day Saints at the visitor center in Honolulu Hawaii, cruised to the Caribbean, danced the samba in Brazil, represented the LDS Church at the London All Church Dance Festival and Gladys even rode baby elephants in Thailand.

Gladys was famous for her award winning apple pies, homegrown organic tomatoes and out of this world array of berry jams. She loved teaching her children and grandchildren how to work in the garden and the benefits of being self-sufficient. A natural born and gifted teacher, Gladys taught ballroom dance, cake decorating, quilting, piano, sewing and canning to anyone both professionally and anyone with an interest in learning. She took a great deal of pride in having taught many young men in Moses Lake to dance properly and the leadership skills that come with that skill.

Gladys was a trailblazer and had a great interest in alternative nutrition and health. She preached the importance of taking supplements, acidophilus and being physically active. And she didn't just talk the talk, she walked the walk. When cancer struck in the 1980's, Gladys converted to an all, "live food" diet, eating raw vegetables and wheatgrass shots for months. A bold step but it paid off, she was cancer free for the rest of her life.

A funeral service will be held at 10AM on Friday, November 22, 2013 at the Jesus Christ and the Latter-day Saints Stake Center at 1515 S. Division Street, Moses Lake, WA 98837. A viewing will begin at 9AM at the church. The burial will take place immediately afterwards at Pioneer Memorial Gardens.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **22**. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Stake Center  
1515 S. Division St.  
Moses Lake, WA

## Service

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ My thoughts & prayers are w/her family now. I'll always remember Gladys & her happy outlook on life. Time spent @ her home & countless hours w/my mom (Carol Melton) at the Jean Dale fabric store. She was a very sweet lady. Dad (Jeroam) was one of the U&I guys...

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November 22, 2013 at 12:17 PM



“ I will always remember Aunt Gladys for her wonderful smile and gracious hugs. It was always such a pleasure to be with her and Uncle Scott. We loved when they would come to Salt Lake for a visit. I haven't seen her in years, but she will always have a happy place in my heart. Our love and thoughtful prayers to all of her family.##imported-begin##Diane Jackson##imported-end##

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November 21, 2013 at 11:03 PM



“ I always called her Grandma Gladys, although she was not my real grandmother. I remember her love for the gospel, love of dance, and never ending desire to help others. I know she has been reunited with Grandpa Scott, and happily living in their eternal home. And, probably even teaching the Fox Trot in heaven. A wonderful, talented, and caring woman will be missed.##imported-begin##Etel and Issa Ghoreishi##imported-end##

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November 20, 2013 at 10:10 PM



“ Cheryl, Yvonne and Ryan--while a recent fall will keep me from attending the service, I wanted you to know of the wonderful memories I have of your Mother. Watching her energetically dance with Scott, following her many dedicated years of chorister leadership, observing her long ago futile efforts to convince our sons Dave and Pete they could learn to read music and mostly being in the presence of her constant smile. Scott's determined efforts never proved we were actually related, but I was always pleased to share the same last name.

With sympathy and my prayers, Ella Forsyth.##imported-begin##Ella n Forsyth##imported-end##

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“ Thank you Aunt Gladys for your ready smile, your graceful quickstep and your Christ-like love. We will always remember you until we meet again. Our thoughts and prayer are with you family as you well know.##imported-begin##Neil L. and Bette Forsyth##imported-end##

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November 20, 2013 at 11:03 AM



“ what a great lady.....howm she loved to teach anybody that wanted to learn to dance....she taught our grandson to dance at the senior center when he was about 9 years old.....great memories....chuck and alice millspaugh from quartzsite. ariz.....##imported-begin##CHUCK MILLSPAUGH##imported-end##

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“ Gladys will be missed greatly. She was a great friend.##imported-  
begin##Pam Merkley##imported-end##

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