



Grayce I. Christian

September 27, 1918 - April 15, 2013

native, Grayce Christian, 94, passed away on Monday, April 15, 2013 at the Columbia Basin Hospital

Nursing Home, Ephrata, Wash.

Grayce was born in Ephrata on September 27, 1918 to Ed and Mae Calkins, who were apple orchard farmers.

She attended all her school years in Ephrata and graduated in 1936. Grayce then went on to Ellensburg, Wash. for two years of college.

While attending college, Grayce met and married Arlie C. Christian on February 11, 1938. They were married for over 60 years before Arlie's passing. They were blessed with one daughter, Arla Mae.

Grayce worked at the United States Post Office in Ephrata during World War II and then at the Grant County Courthouse. Her final job was with the Washington State Department of Revenue, retiring after 18 years.

She was very active in her Rebekah Lodge, being a member for 70 years.

Grayce was also active in the Ephrata Senior Center and Thrift Store. She and Arlie helped getting the Thrift Store up and running.

After retiring they started traveling in their RV with the dogs. They toured Mexico and Guatemala and made many trips to Tennessee to visit Arlie's relatives. They were rockhounds and spent many happy times looking for those perfect rocks!

Grayce was always busy with her hands and made many beautiful things – baskets, quilts, jewelry, and lots of crocheted items.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Mae Calkins; her husband, Arlie Christian; and grandson, Ed Deycous.

Grayce is survived by one daughter, Arla Mae (Don) Deycous of Ephrata; granddaughter, Sandy (Scott) Ledgerwood of Shoreline, Wash.; three great-grandchildren – Ryan, Bethan and Ian of Shoreline and West Seattle, Wash. If desired, memorials may be made to Columbia Basin Hospital Nursing Home, activities.

There will be no services at her request.

Please sign the guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com

Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel and Crematory, Moses Lake, Wash.

Tribute Wall



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“ Arla - a card will be in the mail to you tomorrow. Know you are in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Ruby Simonson McNeill##imported-end##

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