



Helenann Holmes

March 27, 1927 - March 19, 2014

We have another angel...Helenann Janise Ardelle Holmes passed away March 19, 2014 a week short of her 87th birthday. She was born on March 27, 1921 in Custer, Washington, her mother being the parade queen of Lynden, Dorothy (Brown) Neidhart and her father being the strong and handsome logger, George Neidhart. Her birth was even more than a miracle than the rest of us as it occurred solo on the kitchen table. George did what he could and a midwife finally got to the scene with skills necessary to complete the job. That is the way it was in some cases back in those days, and it would not surprise anyone if Dorothy would have cooked dinner that night...these were people that did not use excuses for such things.

Helenann grew up in Wenatchee for the most part, on Walker Street, where the family had a small store; the 2014 version of a convenience store. All the Neidhart kids worked the store with Dorothy while George had a day job as a self-employed carpenter. Just after World War II, Helenann, a most attractive young woman, met the dashing Al Roth, Jr. and they were married in the latter half of the 1940's. From that marriage were born Coke in 1949 and Neenah in 1952. Helenann and Al divorced in the late 1950's, after which Helenann married local businessman Frank Holmes, that union later being blessed with their daughter, Dotty in 1963.

Helenann was a relatively private person; preferring to hang at her home on Moses Lake, and choosing to be a most caring and nurturing mother and wife. She loved and was so talented at sewing, ceramics, gardening and preserving

fruits she grew. It is without doubt that her pies and preserves will get Blue Ribbons at the Heaven County Fair as they did in perennial fashion at the Grant County Fair.

Her parents, George and Dorothy Neidhart, and sister Donnette predeceased her, as did her grandson, Gabriel John. She leaves behind sisters Charlene Mosca and Susan Hoffeintz, brother Don Neidhart, children Coke Roth, Neenah Roth and Dotty Holmes, eight of the most talented, cute and bright grandchildren that were ever created (according to her) and ten (and counting) great-grandchildren and step-son, Bud Holmes.

Graveside services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at Guarding Angels Cemetery, 2595 Road L NE, Moses Lake.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to the Grant County Animal Outreach, 6725 Randolph Road, Moses Lake, WA 98837 Finally, the family thanks you for being the friend of our departed matriarch we loved so dearly.

Cemetery Details

Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.
Moses Lake, WA 98837
(509) 765-7848

Previous Events

Service

MAR 25. 3:00 PM (PT)

Guarding Angels Cemetery
2595 Road L N.E.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Dear Dotty & Nina, Bill and I would like to give our condolences to you and your families. Helenann had a way of making you feel so accept and appreciated, almost like you are part of the family. I just thought about her before I heard about her passing I should get her a birthday card. She was so thoughtful to remember mine. God bless her and her family. She will certainly be missed and remembered. I will think of her every 27th of March. Love you girls.
Janet Bjork

Janet Bjork - March 28, 2014 at 07:01 PM

DT

“ So sorry for your loss Dotty and Nina. She was a very special person and loved you with all of her heart. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Diane Thress - March 26, 2014 at 04:34 PM

TW

“ I have very fond memories of Helenann growing up she has always had a special place in my heart, such a sweet lady. Spending the night with Nina when we were younger and in more recent years running into Helenann at all the craft show. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Tami (Munson) Wilson - March 25, 2014 at 04:43 PM