



## Irene Gamble

November 24, 1918 - August 1, 2014

Irene (Hjelm) Gamble of Moses Lake passed away on August 1, 2014.

Preceded in life by her husband of 49 years Earl Gamble who passed away in 1989.

Survived by three Children Gaynor (Roger) Edwards, Neil (Dana) Gamble, Sandra Gamble (Henry Field). Six Grandchildren: Stacey Dowton, Kelly Raap, Jon Gamble, Philip Gamble, Katie Johnson, and John Blackketter. Seven Great Grandchildren: Bailey Jo Heath, Juliane Gamble, Ezra Gamble, Cooper Raap, Jay Gamble, Jake Johnson and Luke Johnson.

Youngest girl of 11 children. Born in Dickinson, North Dakota in 1918, moved to Washington in the 1930's.

Irene married Earl Gamble on December 7th 1940, they ranched in Kittitas Valley until moving to Royal City in 1967.

While living in Kittitas, she owned and operated a beauty salon, "Irene's Beauty Nook" in Ellensburg Washington.

She and Earl ran a cattle operation in Royal City and Irene continued to have a beauty salon until they moved to Moses Lake in 1975, where she was a beauty school instructor.

Irene had a passion for golf. Even when her eyesight failed, she continued to play until she was 86. She taught and played bridge which was a favorite pass-time. She was the president of the Ladies Division at the Country Club. Earl and Irene owned a Roping arena where many people participated in roping events while also making many life-long friends. They attended the

National Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma for several years before it moved to Las Vegas where they made yearly trips as committed fans.

Irene was very social and she valued her family immensely. She would organize reasons for the family to gather. She always cooked a big meal and invited everyone to attend. The kids were always encouraged to eat dessert first. She would use her special china for the simplest family function and always made birthdays special with that person's food request. She was known for her homemade bread which she made weekly until she was in her 80's.

She was mechanical and could fix anything herself. She was an expert seamstress and made all of her own clothes which were impeccable. She never left the house without makeup on and her hair done, even to do the ranching duties.

She was a rodeo queen coordinator for Miss Rodeo Washington and a Chaperone for the Moses Lake Roundup Rodeo Queens.

Irene loved to dance and many a gatherings ended with a song of "Goodnight Irene" and a waltz out the door. She knew the value of an ice cold beer and made excellent homemade wine. Earl and Irene's home was open to everyone to share a good meal, play pinochle, tell good stories and argue over politics.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday August 17th at Pillar Rock Grill "Moses Lake Country Club" from 1-4 pm. Join the family to celebrate Irene and share stories. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com) Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 17. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Pillar Rock Grill/Moses Lake Golf and Country Club  
1373 Rd F.2 NE  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Irene was the Miss Rodeo Washington director when I was crowned. I remember her as a very special lady and I appreciate all that she did for that organization. My sympathies to the family - rest in peace Irene!

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**Jody Rempel** - August 16, 2014 at 10:12 PM

CJ

“ My family rented a home on East 13th St. in Ellensburg from Earl and Irene back in 1944 when we moved from Liberty into Ellensburg. Irene also gave me my very first permanent.....she was very well respected as a hairdresser...my sympathies to the family and hopefully your good memories will lessen your loss.



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**Cassie (Ness) Johnson** - August 11, 2014 at 10:51 PM

JM

“ Irene was a very special Lady. She gave me my first professional haircut when I was in the 7th grade and she was my first boss. She had a wealth of knowledge about many things and was happy to share it. She was a wonderful person and will be missed.

*Jinny McMinimee*

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**Jinny McMinimee** - August 10, 2014 at 07:16 PM

MM

“ Our memories of Irene are very special. Her love and kindness have been passed down through her family. Such a wonderful lady! Cherish her sweet memory:)

*Janis and Jerry Anderson  
Mary and Brent Minor*

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**Mary Minor** - August 10, 2014 at 11:45 AM

DA

“ Irene was one of the first persons I met when I moved to Moses Lake in 1981. We golfed together many times and had great fun while doing so. The world and community has lost a treasure with her passing. Gaynor and family, God be with you as you grieve and share fond memories of this wonderful lady.

*Dawn and Clayton Viebrock  
Gilmer, TX*

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**DawnViebrock** - August 08, 2014 at 07:04 PM

LG

“ With deepest sympathy to her friends and family. May you find comfort and joy among the memories you have and share with each other.

*Scott and Lucy Gerber*

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**Lucy Gerber** - August 07, 2014 at 03:47 PM

JW

“ Gaynor and family, Please accept my condolences on the loss of Irene. I have many fond memories of time shared with her during my growing up years when I would stay with you, Gaynor. Always made me feel welcome. Lovely lady, beautiful soul. Prayers for your healing.

Janet Grindrod Wilson

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**Janet Wilson** - August 07, 2014 at 11:06 AM

CM

“ I know Irene's family always gathered with love around her, and was with her in heart and soul as she left this world. Her family also then gathered around when she stepped foot through to the other side of the Vail. There they welcomed her with open arms, joy and love once again in seeing her.

I was privileged to know, live by and work with Earl & Irene Gamble for a few short years as a young man in the 70's. Together they left me a life time of true good country lessons and stories to tell another future generation. Peace be in Jesus Christ with you Gaynor, your siblings and children.

P.S. Even up to this day she was the only one who could cut my hair right!

Clint Mackay

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**Clint Mackay** - August 05, 2014 at 03:13 PM

BJ

“ Gaynor, Sandy, Kelly and Stacey

Irene was a national treasure, she will be missed by many. We were the Lucky ones. We were able to spend so much time with our parents (Grand Parents). Most of it was all good. We will always have our memories. Bob Trask Jr.

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**Bob Trask Jr.** - August 04, 2014 at 04:46 PM

AP

“ *Gaynor, Neil, Sandy and Families,  
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.  
Your mom and grandma was a great lady and one that we have  
fond memories of. She always had a smile on her face and was  
very pleasant and fun to be around. May she rest in Peace now.  
Alice Parker and family*

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**Alice Parker** - August 04, 2014 at 01:53 PM

BJ

*Gaynor, Sandy Kelly and Stacy*

*Irene was a national treasure. She will be missed by all. Such a fun  
person for so many years. We are the lucky ones, to be able to spend  
as much time with our parents. Most of those times were the best.. Bob  
Trask Jr.*

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**Bob Trask Jr.** - August 04, 2014 at 04:40 PM