



## Joyce Rathbone

July 18, 1929 - January 31, 2013

Joyce Rathbone, 83, long time Moses Lake resident passed away Thursday, January 31, 2013 at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee.

Joyce was born in Wenatchee, Washington to Ramie H. and Nellie I. (Parks) Hartmann. At the time Joyce entered school the family had an orchard south of the Orondo school house, where she attended grade school. The Hartmann family moved to Sunny Slope and were living there when Joyce graduated from Wenatchee high school in 1947. In the fall of 1947 she started school at Washington State College. That same fall she met her husband, William "Bill" Rathbone. The two were married in Wenatchee on January 1, 1949.

In December of 1949 their first child, and only daughter, Anne was born while the two were living in Wenatchee. Joyce, Bill and Anne moved to Lynden Washington, Bill's hometown, to work on the Rathbone family dairy. Todd joined the family in 1954 while they were living on the dairy. The family was back in Wenatchee by 1957 when Glen was born. In February of 1959 the family of five moved to Moses Lake, where Bill had taken a job as a machinery salesman at Thompson Equipment Co. the International Harvester dealer. In 1964 Doug became the last addition to the family.

With four children and a husband to care for, Joyce's early years in Moses Lake were occupied with family. By the early 70's, with the youngest in grade school and the oldest at college, Joyce took a job as a teacher's aide at Larson Elementary school. Bill started his own company in late 1975 and by 1979 Rathbone Sales had grown, and Joyce left the school district to work full

time with Bill and the boys. Joyce worked with Bill until his illness forced their retirement in 2009.

It wasn't all work though. Joyce and Bill loved to dance. Dances at the Elks club, dance lessons and dance clubs were not uncommon for them. They were able to travel some in the course of business, but in later years they explored on their own, tracking down the family roots and distant relatives. Joyce is survived by her sons, Todd (Pam) and their sons Sam and Ben, Glen and his son Jason, and Doug (Denise) and their children, Scott, Courtney and Tabitha, as well as Anne's daughters Lisa Laughter and Sheila Richard (Rob). She was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Nellie Hartmann, brother Bill Hartmann, daughter Anne (Rathbone) Holloway and husband Bill Rathbone.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 9, 2013 at Kayser's Chapel of Memories, Moses Lake, Washington. Interment will follow in Pioneer Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Friday, February 8, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. 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

## Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories  
831 S. Pioneer Way  
Moses Lake, WA

## Service

FEB 9. 1:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow.  
Rod and Leah Torgerson##imported-begin##Leah Bingham  
Torgerson##imported-end##*

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February 13, 2013 at 10:30 AM



“ *To the Rathbone Family, I really enjoyed getting to know Joyce and she was always enjoyable to talk with. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Mark Shumaker##imported-end##*

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February 10, 2013 at 10:02 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to all the family. Just know that Joyce has gone on to a better place and will be able to meet with those who have gone before her. She will be welcomed with open arms.##imported-begin##Don & Linda Justesen##imported-end##*

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February 09, 2013 at 11:58 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are going out to the family. She was a very dear lady and my mother would talk with adoration for her.##imported-begin##Elaine Fleshman##imported-end##*

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February 08, 2013 at 12:37 AM



“ My sincere condolences for your loss. Bill and Joyce took me in and got me started in this territory. I wont ever forget their kindness to a stranger.

Larry##imported-begin##larry hagle##imported-end##

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February 07, 2013 at 10:02 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy##imported-begin##Pam Tea and Launn Schmidt##imported-end##

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February 07, 2013 at 06:53 PM



“ I will so miss our chats on the phone and especially at the grocery store. We had just planned a road trip to Spokane to visit with my sister. Such a funny delightful lady. My deepest sympathy to all. Prayers are being sent your way.##imported-begin##Ila Simpson##imported-end##

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February 06, 2013 at 05:48 PM



“ To the Rathbone family; We are so sorry to hear that Joyce has passed away. There are no words to describe how special she was, to everyone! We would run into her, at the store, and the conversation was on!! She was a beautiful person, not only to her family, but to everyone who had the honor of knowing her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Cathy and Paul Kersey##imported-begin##Cathy & Paul Kersey##imported-end##

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February 05, 2013 at 12:24 PM



“ Joyce was such a nice lady and will be missed by her family and all who knew her. I remember what snappy dancers she and Bill were when they attended my daughters' wedding. Prayers to all the family.##imported-begin##Dick & Karen Reffett##imported-end##

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February 04, 2013 at 09:53 PM



“ Boys  
I remember when you were all very young,very much enjoyed. Joyce called me after Christmas and we had one of our long long talks together. We both enjoyed your folks so much, they came over to Bellingham several times since we have been here. I have a couple of books written by one of your Mom's classmates. wrapped and ready to send to her. Love to all of you.##imported-begin##Jackie and Bill Boyle##imported-end##

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February 04, 2013 at 09:12 PM



“ We are so sorry for the loss of your Mom. We have always enjoyed our visits with her at the store waiting for parts, the grocery store or wherever it happened to be. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Doug & Sandi##imported-begin##Doug & Sandi Berg##imported-end##

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February 04, 2013 at 07:38 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Joyce was an awesome lady! I had a great visit with her last fall in Wal Mart. She will be greatly missed . Sharon##imported-begin##Sharon Clark##imported-end##

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February 04, 2013 at 07:05 PM



“ Your mom was one fantastic person. I always enjoyed her and your dad at MacDon events. She will be missed by me and other MacDon people who knew her well. Very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Joyce Slocum##imported-end##

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February 04, 2013 at 03:47 PM



“ Our thoughts are with all the family and friends of Joyce during this time of loss. She was a beautiful lady inside and out and will be missed by many. Now she will be reunited with Bill, and they can dance together plus she will be able to hug Ann again. Gene & Bonnie##imported-begin##Gene & Bonnie Polhamus##imported-end##

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February 01, 2013 at 03:16 PM



“ Todd, Glen, & Doug: My heart goes out to you upon reading of your mother's passing. May the Lord comfort you now and in the days to come. I have many fond memories of Joyce when mom and I lived across the street years ago, and in years since. God's peace to you all.##imported-begin##Wendy##imported-end##

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January 31, 2013 at 10:34 PM