



## Loretta Lowe

May 14, 1913 - February 17, 2011

Loretta B. Lowe, 97, pioneer of Moses Lake passed away Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011 at Samaritan Hospital with her loving family at her side. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011 at Kayser's Chapel. Loretta was born on May 14, 1913 to Eugene and Millie Rand. She attended Bison School for 12 years. After graduation she accepted a job in the Post Office where she worked for 5 ½ years. In 1936 she married Timothy Erwin Lowe. They had 4 children, Bryan Eugene, Terry Erwin, Bruce Edward and Neva Jean. They left South Dakota during the drought in 1938 and went to Idaho. They lived several places, wherever Erwin could find work. In 1941 they moved to Bremerton, Washington and Erwin worked in the Ship Yard for a short time, and then took the job of managing 5 farms for Washington Packers at Sumner, WA, when they took over the Japanese farms. Erwin had the job of raising 76 acres of pole beans.

When the war was over, they moved to Moses Lake and she had a good life and had a host of friends that contributed so much.

On Sept. 5, 1945 they opened the first dry cleaning plant operating it for 5 years before selling it. Erwin went back to carpentering and in 1955-1956 they built their home on the peninsula. Loretta worked for the school district, cooking in various schools, she worked for 4 years for B.B.C.C. cooking for the Japanese boys in the Ag. Project, the 1st two groups.

Erwin passed away in 1971. She sold the home in 1974 and bought a smaller place on Peninsula Dr. where she lived the rest of her life.

She was preceded in death by her mother, 3 brothers, her husband and son, Bryan Eugene. She is survived by, Terry Erwin, Bruce Edward and Neva Jean, 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

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

## Service

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hi Terry:  
*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Please contact me. I tried to call the number you left us but no luck. Hope to hear from you.*###imported-begin###linda brown###imported-end##

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November 09, 2011 at 02:20 PM



“ My mother, June Ehlert, and Loretta were only a month apart in age, and shared freindship through church membership at the Peninsula Evangelical Church as well as the Peninsula Garden Club and being neighbors. They were proud of being well into their 90's and enjoying life. I remember Loretta being at June's 90th birthday party, and teasing about who was "oldest or youngest". My mother was unable to drive her car first because of illness, and she resented the fact that Loretta was still driving. June left earth to be with her family in heaven in 2009 and I am sure the two are renewing their old friendship and updating each other. They were both very independent women who raised good children.###imported-begin###Jeanette Ehlert Enzler###imported-end##

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March 01, 2011 at 01:55 AM



“ Terry Bruce & Neva,  
*I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. I still have the clown she gave me when my mom passed. I am sure they are making up for lost time and praying for us. I had may good times being around them.*

*Cheryl Campbell*###imported-begin###Cheryl Campbell###imported-end##

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February 27, 2011 at 06:25 PM



“ I have very fond memories of Mrs. Lowe. She treated me like one of her own children and was always very caring and kind. I loved coming to the Lowe's to spend time with the cats with seven toes, eat wonderful meals, spy on the hermit across the street, and play rousing games of Canasta and other card games. She always made me feel special and important, even when serving school lunches in the cafeteria. I have thought of her often and miss her and Bryan. She was a wonderful person who showed me that it was possible to make a huge impact on other's lives by just taking the time to care.##imported-begin##Michelle Storms-Van Howe##imported-end##

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February 26, 2011 at 09:27 PM



“ We love you, you will be missed...##imported-begin##Calvin Ulbricht##imported-end##

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February 22, 2011 at 04:19 PM



“ Terry, Neva and Bruce,

*We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. Would liked to have attended the service but were out of town and did not know until this morning.*

*I don't know how many times recently that I have thought of her and how I had been remiss at not stopping by.*

*I know that she is now in a much better place and pray God's blessing for you and your family's,*

*Jim##imported-begin##Jim and Linda Millican##imported-end##*

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February 22, 2011 at 03:56 PM



“ *We are saddened to hear about Babe's leaving us. She was truly a great person with so many talents. She touched the lives of all she met. We will miss her in our midst. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Terry, Bruce and Neva and your families as you journey through your loss of your Mom. Remember she loved you so very much.##imported-begin##Clyde and Lorrie Hafner##imported-end##*

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February 21, 2011 at 09:09 PM



“ I knew Loretta as "Babe". She was the sister of my father Walter (Randy). I fondly remember holidays when the adults all played cards and we children played games. I also remember the delicious breads, watermelon rind pickle, and cats with extra toes. It has been many years since I last saw Babe but what wonderful memories I have! My sincere sympathy to Terry, Bruce and Neva and their families.##imported-begin##Nancy (Rand) Sterzelbach##imported-end##

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February 21, 2011 at 02:19 PM



“ Loretta and I have been neighbors for about 35 years...she was so much more than just a neighbor...she was my mom, my sister, my friend. We shared laughter and tears and secrets and food and card playing and yard work....we shared our lives. I love her and miss her.##imported-begin##Judy Trask##imported-end##

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February 21, 2011 at 01:57 PM



“ Loretta Lowe was a huge part of our lives after my mother (Margaret Rand) married her brother, Walter (Randy) in 1952. She was always so welcoming to my sister, Nancy, and I. It has been such an honor to have had her in our lives all these years. Our condolences to her family and I do hope they will stay in contact with us. Love to the family,  
Faye and family##imported-begin##Gene and Faye (Rand) Cook##imported-end##

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February 21, 2011 at 01:43 PM



“ Loretta has been special to me for many years. She was a friend of my aunt Ardell & they worked together at the schools and college. My aunt gave a bridal shower for me in 1962 and Loretta was there. That was my first opportunity to get to know a beautiful person. We have been attending the same church for several years and she was always there to give me a special hug. I really miss her.##imported-begin##Barbara Sharp##imported-end##

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February 19, 2011 at 12:35 AM