



Lorna S. Skeen

August 4, 1925 - June 17, 2013

Lorna S. Skeen, 87, passed away peacefully on June 17, 2013 at Bishop Place in Pullman, Washington. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 22nd at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Warden, Washington. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayser-schapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Lorna was born on August 4, 1925, in Ogden, Utah, daughter of the late Hannah Martina and Joseph Surrage. She married Lyman M. Skeen on September 18, 1946, and they moved their young family to Warden, Washington in 1955. Lyman and Lorna established L&S Clothing in Warden in the early 1960's. They went on to open Skeen's Western Wear in Moses Lake which Lorna proudly ran for 37 years, before reluctantly retiring at the age of 77.

In 1994, the Moses Lake Roundup Rodeo Association presented Lorna with its Man of the Year award in recognition of her exemplary support of the association and the sport of rodeo. In 2000 the International Western and English Sales Association honored her with the Dennis D. High Award for Excellence "in recognition of her outstanding contributions toward the strength and success of the Western/English retail industry."

A woman of great compassion, Lorna never knew a stranger. People were

attracted to her genuine warmth, exuberance, and humility. Her favorite self-descriptor was 'dirt-farmer's wife' – a heartfelt acknowledgement to the unwavering support of her partner in every aspect of her life, her husband, Lyman.

Lorna was preceded in death by Lyman in 2008, her brothers, Joe and Bill Surrage, and sister, Ellen Orem. She is survived by her son, Phil; daughter and son-in-law, Tena and Richard Old; and two grandchildren, Hannah and Patrick Old; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A loving wife, mother, and grandmother, Lorna leaves her family and friends with many wonderful memories that will always hold her close to their hearts.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in Lorna's memory to the Moses Lake Roundup Rodeo Queen's Fund, PO Box 367, Moses Lake, WA 98837

Previous Events

Service

JUN 22. 11:00 AM.

Graveside

Tribute Wall



“ I accidentally came upon the obituary for Lorna and was so saddened to hear that she was gone. The first time I met her, she was in Skeens (my favorite store in Moses Lake) and she hollered at me...I knew instantly that she was a lady to be dealt with...I loved her from that moment on, and I knew that no matter what, she'd give a fair deal to everyone. There was no foolin' her...and you always knew where you stood. When the store closed, I bought some Indian artifacts from her...which currently hang in my computer room. Not a day goes by that I don't look at them and then think of the beautiful lady in Moses Lake. She was appreciated and loved by many...especially the Lind people....I was so glad to call her my friend.##imported-begin##Carol Kelly##imported-end##

August 18, 2013 at 03:03 PM



“ phil and tena so sorry for your loss aunt lorna was a special lady and will always be remembered she was a great example to all of us by the way she showed such love and devotion to uncle bus and all of you. please stay in touch your thought of often dads number 1 801 731 1762 ronda 1 801 725 7841##imported-begin##terry and ronda hancock##imported-end##

June 26, 2013 at 03:16 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Lorna. I have so many good memories of her, she was one of the first people I met when we moved to Warden as newlyweds. And she and I developed a friendship that lasted for a long time. She will be greatly missed. Love, Nadine and Steve###imported-begin###Steve and Nadine Leavitt###imported-end###

June 24, 2013 at 01:04 PM



“ Lorna became a special friend of mine during her Remicade Treatments in the Infusion/Chemotherapy Department during the last 10 years. I was always her Nurse if I could arrange it. We had many conversation about our life experiences and our mutual love for the Lord. Lorna was honest, forthright, sincere and loved the Grant County Rodeo as I do. We loved to sit and hold hands for a minute or too. Our hearts blended as two women that cared deeply for each other. I will always remember our time together and miss her greatly. We will meet again at the Second Coming of our Saviour.###imported-begin###judy Twigg###imported-end###

June 20, 2013 at 08:40 PM



“ Such a wonderful lady. She will be missed.###imported-begin###Raedell Schwab Booker###imported-end###

June 19, 2013 at 10:50 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. We loved Lorna or "Grama Skeen" as the girls always referred to her. She was truly One of a Kind....she will be greatly missed.

Love,

The Doug Berg Family##imported-begin##Doug & Sandi Berg and family##imported-end##

June 19, 2013 at 02:34 PM



“ Thanks for being such a great friend to my family and a great boss to my mother, Zelma. You will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Jesse and Marty Avery##imported-end##

June 19, 2013 at 01:53 PM



“ Lorna was an amazing woman who inspired everyone who crossed her path. With her poise and grace, she was the picture of what can only be defined as a "True Lady". With her help, our daughter was poised, mentored and assisted in becoming the first ever "Little Miss Rodeo Washington". She had a gift of bringing out the "Lady" in all of us in her presence. She was a great friend, a trusted and cherished mentor and will always be remembered in our hearts. May the family find peace with her passing and keep her loving memory alive in their hearts.##imported-begin##Joe & Denyse Ottmar##imported-end##

June 19, 2013 at 01:46 PM



“ *Lorna was a beautiful person inside and out. She was gracious, loving, generous and inspirational. She was always so graceful and poised with her actions as well as her impeccable appearance. She was a great mentor and friend who encouraged so many to be better themselves. She will be missed. Stacey*###imported-begin###*Stacey Jo Edwards Downton*###imported-end###

June 19, 2013 at 01:03 PM



“ *My heart is overflowing with joy knowing that Heaven received a new addition today. A true angel! One of my mentors, Mrs. Lorna Skeen passed away and went home to be with the Lord. I will miss Miss Lorna. She was one of the first people I met here in Moses Lake back 29 years ago. She was always accepting, always honest, and always kind to this gangly outsider from New Mexico. She was a true lady and loved our western way of life and the sport of Rodeo. She is an icon, a legend. Her legacy will live on in what she taught me through the hundreds of girls that come through Rodeo Queen University and countless other individuals that she loved and touched with her precious life and gifts. She was excited about what was being created. I'm so glad she got to see it come to fruition. May the Lord comfort her children and grandchildren as well as all of her "adopted kids" in the Agriculture community and Rodeo world. "Happy Trails Miss Lorna may you ride in green pastures in grass belly deep with your beloved Jesus. I will see you again some day. I love you". — with Stanley Rauch.*###imported-begin###*Jamie Dearing (Coker) Rauch*###imported-end###

June 19, 2013 at 01:05 AM



“ Blessings to all the Skeen Family! Lorna holds a very special place in my heart- she & Lyman were the sweetest couple- I lost contact with her after Lyman passed but thought of her thru the years . Now they are together again.##imported-begin##Theresa McGhuey##imported-end##

June 19, 2013 at 12:19 AM



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June 19, 2013 at 12:18 AM



“ Lorna will be greatly missed. She was a great lady and gave so much to all. I will never forget how she worked with me all the time and in so many aspects to become the 1985 Moses Lake Rodeo Queen. You never had to wonder where you stood with her. She spoke her mind and I always appreciated that about her. Lorna, you were truly loved by many and will be missed by all of us who's lives you touched.##imported-begin##Sonja Gunderson Kjorvestad##imported-end##

June 19, 2013 at 12:15 AM



“ Tough as nails, Gentle as a summer breeze. Mom Skeen has always been my definition of a true Lady!##imported-begin##Dennis Swinger Jr.##imported-end##

June 19, 2013 at 12:08 AM



“ Lorna was a dynamic business woman. She loved owning her own store, selling her favorite items, Western wear clothes! She was a spirited, energetic, & determined lady. Lorna's zest for life was contagious. Paul and Lorna were business neighbors, being 1 block away, in their stores in downtown Moses Lake. Every winter, Paul would take his tractor, to Skeen's Western Wear, and clear Lorna's parking lot, from all the snow. The world is left a better place because of Lorna. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Paul and Cathy Kersey##imported-end##

June 18, 2013 at 11:30 PM



“ Sending thoughts of love and peace during this time for Lorna's family! Heaven received a beautiful angel! Thank you, Lorna, for being my friend!##imported-begin##Patricia (Dougherty) Carpenter##imported-end##

June 18, 2013 at 09:46 PM



“ Lorena was a great friend, she will be greatly missed. Our prayers go out to her family.##imported-begin##Lesley Lamb-Gunderson##imported-end##

June 18, 2013 at 08:42 PM



“ Phil & Tena & family I'm so sorry for your loss. I know she is in a better place . She will be missed very much!

Nancy & Doug Johnson##imported-begin##Nancy & Doug Johnson##imported-end##

June 18, 2013 at 05:24 PM



“ to the family of Lorna Skeen...our deepest sympathy for your loss at this time. What a refined lady she was, with her kindness, gentleness to everyone that she came in contact with. No one was more caring and loving as her. I am sure she is in heaven now with her lady like presence as well. prayers for your family while you heal.##imported-begin##SUE HODGES##imported-end##

June 17, 2013 at 01:48 PM