



Martha Goltz

December 27, 1921 - August 1, 2018

Martha Emma (Hemming) Goltz passed away August 01, 2018 at age 96. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 6, 2018 at Kayser's Chapel of Memories followed by burial at Pioneer Memorial Gardens. Martha was born in Luneburg Germany December 27, 1921 into a large family. Her parents were Adam and Martha (Mielke) Hemming. During the German Depression Martha's family moved to Poland with the promise of employment. But within days of arrival her family attempted to return to Germany but were denied because they no longer had passports. Their passports had been confiscated upon arrival. Martha was also denied a formal education during this period.

Martha married Asaph Goltz in July 20, 1940. Asaph was also a displaced German as well. World War Two found Martha liberated but several years later she was fleeing from the Russian Communist Army with two sons, Willy and George.

After WW2, Martha and family lived in Communist East Germany until 1948, whereupon the family did a covert night crossing of the patrolled border into West Germany. In this year the family applied for immigration to the USA as political refugees. Asaph was under the impression that every family in the USA owns their own home (wouldn't that be nice).

There was a three-year wait while background checks took place and paperwork processed. During this time two sons were born, Helmut and Theo. Immigration into the USA came by way of crossing the Atlantic Ocean in the

troop ship "USNS General M.L. Hersey" in Nov 1951. This voyage saw Martha and family through New York Harbor and among the last to process immigration through Ellis Island.

Great Uncle Ed Litke (who owned Ephrata Hi-U Motel) and R.P. Penhallurick shared the train fare from Vermont for the entire family. Asaph worked on the Penhallurick ranch. Hildegard was born during this time.

In 1955 Asaph began his career in roofing and Martha started doing housekeeping at Maples Motel. She later worked as a cook at Crestview Nursing Home, as a cook at Saga Foods (BBCC), and as a cook at ML Golf and Country Club.

In retirement Martha and Asaph wintered in Yuma AZ. Asaph predeceased Martha in 1996.

Martha worshiped God in the Seventh-day Adventist Church christian faith. Martha is survived by four sons Willy (Janet) , George, Helmut (Azure), Theo (Marianne) and one daughter Hildegard and her spouse Joe Filebark. She is also survived by seven grand-children: Kari (Todd) Sumner, Kandi (Rod) Neal, Daniel Goltz MD, Cherilee Dunfield, Sherlynn Schlehuber, Joseph (Hillary) Schlehuber , and Benjamin (Heidi) Schlehuber. Great-grandchildren are Brooke and Haley Sumner; and Logan and Lane Neal; Lily and Eddie Dunfield, Crysla Schlehuber, Jakob and Zackary Schlehuber, and Ethan and Logan Schlehuber.

Cemetery Details

Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA

Previous Events

Service

AUG 6. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Becky Heaton Mercier lit a candle in memory of Martha Goltz*



becky heaton mercier - August 14, 2018 at 04:52 PM

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“ *Denise Lefler lit a candle in memory of Martha Goltz*



Denise Lefler - August 06, 2018 at 06:02 PM

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“ *The summers we spent at grandma's were the best! My sister and I loved playing in the irrigation ditches and creek in front of her house. When we came in we were always greeted with pipsicles from grandma. When I was about 12 and then horse lover my grandparents got me a pony. When transporting the pony from Moses Lake to Portland the pony kept tearing up in the open bed truck. My grandma rode all the way in the back of that truck. When they arrived she was sunburned and tired! But what a happy girl I was!! Grandma was always doing special things for her family and friends.*

Kari Sumner - August 04, 2018 at 12:16 AM

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“ Our family spent nearly every summer at grandma and grandpas house. My Dad worked at Goltz’s roofing while Kari and I played and hung out with Oma. She was the best cook! She had a garden in her back yard and would cook potatoes with fresh dill among other wonderful things from her garden. I remember trying to teach her how to pronounce her English words like Safeway instead of Safay. When we arrived each summer she would take us girls down and buy us sandals. She was a little thing at just 4 “11 in height. It didn’t take long for us to pass her up in height which we thought was pretty cool. When we were older we would go camping not far from Moses Lake and do water play. The whole Goltz clan would come and visit us. She would hold my kids and love on them. She didn’t know me the last time I visited her in the nursing home but I will always remember her and the special things she did and taught us growing up. I love you Oma!

kandi neal - August 03, 2018 at 01:04 PM

JS

“ Martha was a dear friend of my mother Gladys Ellestad for many years, may God bless her memory, she was a fine woman.

June Swisher - August 02, 2018 at 02:50 PM