



Mary Ellen Ries

March 20, 1922 - June 19, 2011

Mary Ellen Ries, 89, longtime Moses Lake resident, passed away Sunday, June 19, 2011 at Samaritan Hospital. Mary was married to Darrell E. Ries on February 21, 1942 in Bethany, Missouri. Following Darrell's graduation from the University of Washington Law School in 1949 they moved to Moses Lake where they had lived since. Darrell preceded her in death in 1990. Mary is survived by two sons, Ronald & Janet Ries and Harry Ries, both of Moses Lake; four grandchildren, Chris Ries and Kim Ashley, both of Moses Lake, AnnMari Sweeney, Seattle and Greg Ries, Francis, Utah.

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“ I had no idea Mary Ellen had passed away, she was the nicest lady, she never failed to make me feel like a true friend. I followed her around wherever she decided to move, but lost contact for a few years as I changed my career, but I never stopped thinking about her, I'm sad that I didn't make the time in my busy life t to see her sooner before she passed, life is too short and I am in regret I let too much time go by and missed the many opportunities to see her before her passing. For her family I'm sure I don't need to tell you that your mother/grandmother, was the nicest, most nonjudgmental, funny, strong, respectful, independent and above all full of grace and happiness, she always beamed when she talked about her family, I always thought what a lucky family she has, I'm sure I don't have to tell you all that. What a woman!!

Elizabeth McLaughlin - May 14, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. mike##imported-begin##Mike Basel##imported-end##

July 17, 2011 at 08:38 PM



“ Ron & Harry,
Our parents shared many happy times together! I'm sure Mary Ellen had a crowd waiting to greet her at heavens gate. Our thought and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Donna Rigsby Walden##imported-end##

June 28, 2011 at 11:16 PM



“ *My thoughts, prayers and condolences to all of the Ries family.*###imported-begin##Corinne Gebelin##imported-end##

June 28, 2011 at 06:32 PM



“ *Ron & Janet, My condolences to the family. Memories of Mary Ellen at Ron's, Chris' and Kim's sporting activities bring a smile to my face and a burst of laughter. What a lady! May the days ahead be filled with good remembrances for you all.*
Vicki Groff###imported-begin##Vicki Groff##imported-end##

June 24, 2011 at 07:58 PM



“ *Harry, I am sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Comforting thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire Ries family.*###imported-begin##Abe Shelby##imported-end##

June 24, 2011 at 12:16 PM



“ *I was sadden to hear of her passing. My mother lived at the Hearthstone until she passed. I enjoyed getting to know Mary Ellen and appreciated her friendship with Mom and her involvement with others lives during that time. She was loved and respected by all.*###imported-begin##Terry Anderson##imported-end##

June 22, 2011 at 02:10 PM



“ I (along with my family) have great memories of MaryEllen. She and my Mom shared a lot of adventures together while we were growing up. She remained a true character and I am thankful to have known her. Ron, Harry and families I will be thinking of you as you take this journey. I am sorry for your lostt. Love to you all!##imported-begin##Terry Trask Skeesick##imported-end##

June 22, 2011 at 01:19 PM