



Patricia A. Clapp

March 13, 1925 - March 6, 2011

Patricia A. Clapp, 85, Moses Lake resident and former longtime Ephrata resident, passed away Sunday, Mar. 6, 2011 at Columbia Crest Care Center. Patricia is the first child of Arthur and Byrdie Brownlee. She was born March 13, 1925 in St. Louis, Missouri. She has one brother, Richard "Dick" Brownlee, 5 years younger, currently residing in California.

Pat's childhood was spent surrounded by loving grandparents and cousins to play with. She spent her summers with her grandparents, and there was never a shortage of fun things to do and explore. Pat was a very studious child, loving to read, and her grades proved it. She performed so well; in fact, the school recommended to her mother that she be elevated up a grade skipping 9th grade altogether. She always loved reading.

She enjoyed people, and usually the words people use to describe her upon meeting, was "sweet", "kind", or "loyal". The daughter of a long line of seamstresses, she was always outfitted in the latest fashions. She did not lead a sheltered life, as she and her brother went everywhere with their parents, including dancing on Saturday nights. And like most young girls of her generation had a tremendous crush on Frank Sinatra.

The year was 1937 and as the depression deepened the family moved to the San Francisco Bay. Pat graduated from high school in Oakland, California in 1942, went one year at San Francisco Junior College, and two years at UCLA and obtained an AA Degree in Art. She worked at the Oakland Tribune (newspaper) from 1942-1943. She worked for Douglas Aircraft in Los

Angeles, California from 1944-45.

On February 1, 1946 she married John W. "Buster" Clapp, a Chief Petty Officer in the US Navy, in Yuma, Arizona. Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy, they moved to New Mexico, where John's parents lived. By June 6, 1947, their first child was born followed by 9 more during the next 16 years; Carol, Patty, John, Marianne, Joe, Janice, Clayborn, Leslie, James, and Sammie (6 girls and 4 boys).

As a mother, she set many good examples. She was always dressed and groomed to start each new day. She was a soft-spoken person and never raised her voice in anger. It did not seem to phase her to have so many children.

She was raised with strong spiritual values and in her later years became a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses. She also had a green thumb and could make the weakest of plants healthy in any type of soil or conditions. She would always say, "Wait, don't pull it up yet!" "You must learn to be patient." She never drove until the age of 67, when she took courses and bought herself a car. She always believed that people beyond the age of 80 should not drive, and although she gave up a lot of her freedom, she stuck to her own words.

There is so much more that can be said about a wonderful Mother, but there isn't enough time or paper in the world.

Tribute Wall



“ Please accept my deepest condolences in the loss of your loved one. I never meet Sister Clapp, but was sorry to hear of her passing and I'm really looking forward to seeing her in the resurrection. Please be assured that Jehovah God sees your tears and feel your pain, and he will lovingly comfort you and strengthen you through this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Mary Ann Crayton##imported-end##

March 14, 2011 at 02:57 PM



“ To my Dear Mom,
I will so miss talking to you - you always made it seem as if I was in the room with you, just having a nice visit. You always laughed at my stories and made me feel loved. I hope you know you were loved in return.
I believe you are with the others who left this world before you and I am certain you are having a time catching up.
With much love - Patty & Tom##imported-begin##Patty & Tom McHugh##imported-end##

March 12, 2011 at 12:49 PM



“ As you move through this time of grief and sadness, may your warm and loving memories be your comfort.
In my thoughts and prayers,
Mary##imported-begin##Mary Winslow-Vodvarka##imported-end##

March 11, 2011 at 03:58 PM



“ I,(we)Love you sweet mamma, you will be deeply affectionately missed. We all are so very blessed to have you for our mother, and for a loving, loyal, and devoted friend. The Lord has chosen to take you home, Amen, when you get there, you will be in great company!###imported-begin###Leslie G. (Clapp) Richardson###imported-end###

March 11, 2011 at 10:41 AM



“ We feel what you are going through right now. Our condolences are with you all. Love & Prayers,
Guy & Shirley###imported-begin###Guy & Shirley
McConchie###imported-end###

March 10, 2011 at 04:40 PM



“ Pat was a wonderful woman and a loving grandmother to my daughter Kirsten Patricia Clapp (John's daughter). I am fortunate to have known her and that my daughter had a loving relationship with her. She will be missed. I extend my deepest sympathies to all of her children, each and every one, who is as lovely and as sweet as their mother was.###imported-begin###Judith Swartz###imported-end###

March 10, 2011 at 03:20 PM



“ She was a wonderful aunt. Our best to te family. She will be missed.###imported-begin###James Ballou###imported-end###

March 10, 2011 at 02:49 PM



“ Grandma Clapp was always so welcoming to Amber and I. Just as all of the Clapp family was. We were not her grandchildren by blood, but she always treated as if we were. She was an amazingly kind woman and gave me one of the greatest gifts ever, Carol.##imported-begin##Amanda (Bailey) McCurdy##imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 11:25 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss##imported-begin##David DeTrolio##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 08:11 PM



“ Aunt Pat was a very special lady! I loved her dearly! As JoAnn said, we have so many precious memories. May God bless each one of you as you deal with her loss. Because I care. With Love, Jeannette and Ray##imported-begin##Jeannette (Slusher) Miles##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 07:16 PM



“ My best wishes to the whole family. I was always fond of your Mother, she was a lady in every sense of the word. I always enjoyed visiting with her when the opportunity presented itself. I am sure any memory of her would bring a smile to anyones face whom had the pleasure of knowing her.##imported-begin##Michael M DeShaw##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 04:59 PM



“ We have so many precious memories. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your families. Your cousins, JoAnn & Cecil Madron##imported-begin##JoAnn Madron##imported-end##

March 08, 2011 at 10:52 AM



“ I love you, sweet Mama, and always will. I pray you're enjoying yourself at the wonderful party with all those we loved and who went before you, including sister Carol, Daddy, Grandma Byrdie and Grandpa Ralph. You will be in my heart always.##imported-begin##Sammie L. (Clapp) Bates##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 09:24 PM



“ To The Family,
We didn't know Pat very well, but did know Janice. In knowing Janice, we could see what a wonderful mother Pat must have been. Our thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Keith & Sheri DeRam##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 07:47 PM