



Rose L. Graham

August 14, 1914 - July 8, 2011

Rose L. Graham, 96, went to be with her Lord on Friday, July 8, 2011 at Samaritan Hospital, her son and grandchildren at her side. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 16, 2011 at Kayser's Chapel of Memories. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake.

Rose was born Ilena "Rose" on August 14, 1914 in LaPine, OR, the eldest of nine children born to the late James Floyd and Eleanor Marie (Williams) Lippincott. She spent her childhood and school years in Winchester Bay, OR, marrying the late Rand Edward Graham in Longview, WA on March 24, 1936. Rand and Rose moved to the Columbia Basin in 1937 to participate in the construction of Grand Coulee Dam. The couple moved to Portland, OR-Vancouver, WA area in 1942 while Rand worked in the Kaiser Shipyard during World War II, returning to the Basin and settling in Moses Lake in 1947, where they established Graham Electric and remained for the rest of their lives.

Rose was a homemaker, mother of three and sometime bookkeeper for Grebe Electric. She was also active in the Moses Lake Garden Club and the Peninsula Improvement Club, and enjoyed gardening, mushrooming, clamming, canning, winemaking, cooking, painting, sewing, arranging flowers and travelling. Rose also attained some notoriety as a basket maker, designing numerous baskets constructed mainly of Ponderosa Pine needles.

Rose was close to her family and many friends and was known as a rich source of love, advice and humor.

She is survived by her sons, Ronald Lee Graham of Independence, KS and Richard Leroy Graham of Marshall, WA; grandchildren Randy and Roger Graham, both of Seattle, WA, Rhonda Graham of Escondido, CA, Richard Graham of Mamaroneck, NY, Robyn (Graham) Ramirez of Moses Lake and Richelle (Graham) Hecker of Colorado Springs, CO; twenty great-grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren; brothers John and Lloyd Lippincott; sisters Rebecca Frazier and Sharon Brewer; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Ross James Graham (1941-52), husband Rand, her parents, brothers James and Thomas Lippincott and sisters Daisy Blake and Mary Dunham.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 16. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ My heart was uplifted to see all the loved ones who attended the send off for our dear Aunt Rose. Her family, with so many grandchildren and great-grandchildren was very nice to see. Our hearts are with you as you grieve the loss of your mother and grandmother. Tears for the loss now, but I am confident that we will see her again someday. Love to you all, Cousin Becky##imported-begin##Becky Acevedo##imported-end##

July 18, 2011 at 09:13 PM



“ My grandfather (Blanchard) and grandmother (Bertie) first introduced me to Rose and Rand many years ago. Over time I came to think of Rose as my grandmother, even though we weren't even related. But I think that just goes to show the kind of woman she was. It saddens my heart knowing that with the loss of Rose that special generation is now gone. She will truly be missed.##imported-begin##James Hendryx##imported-end##

July 16, 2011 at 11:10 PM



“ Dearest Aunt Rhody - I can never remember a time when you weren't a part of my life - Becky Jane is so right about that twinkle in your eye! So many incredible memories - even as a wee child, I remember going clamming and oystering with you and Uncle Rand, Mom and Dad (Betty & Jiggs) when you and Mom decided to try "Oysters on the Half Shell" for the very first time - right there on the beach - as you talked Mom into going first. You and I watched as Mom had her first raw oyster (yuk - I still won't eat the dang things). Mom must have tried to swallow that varmint half a dozen times - when she finally got it down and said, "Okay, Rhody - your turn - you were laughing so hard when you said 'No *!#!#*ing way!'" We are, indeed, a colorful Clan. Or, more recently, at one of the Lippincott Family Reunions ("Gathering of the Clan" as we called it when this amazing outfit gathered to celebrate family) here in Sandy when you especially liked one of my recent quilts and told husband Jim when I "traveled on ahead" he was to send that one to you. My immediate response, "Wait just a damn minute, Aunt Rhody - you're 94 years old and even though I'm an old broad, I'm considerably younger than you." Your reply, "Yeah, but you're the one with the dickey heart!" We were all laughing so hard when Jim gave you a big hug and said, "Consider it done!" I will so miss working on your Christmas Newsletter this year - we were going to continue the series on family holiday celebrations when you were a wee one - last year we started with your Christmas memories - this year, Fourth of July. So many incredible memories, Aunt Rhody, and I cherish every single one of them! Love you!###imported-begin###Bonnie Lippincott Gallagher###imported-end###

July 13, 2011 at 09:48 AM



“ Aunt Rose was one of the finest women I've ever known. I've so many happy memories of her, when, as children, my sister Judy and I lived with her and her family. I remember how beautiful and kind she was, but also, that she didn't stand for any nonsense! In later years, I was able to appreciate her wonderful sense of humour, and her great love of life. I'm just happy that she had so many years to enjoy it. She will always be in my heart.##imported-begin##Karen Rose Barnsley##imported-end##

July 13, 2011 at 09:32 AM



“ My darling Aunt Rose always had a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye! I remember a visit my sister Karen and I had with her at her apartment in Moses Lake in 2005. We spent the better part of two days reminiscing about the days when she and my mother (Daisy) were young. I learned a lot about the family on that visit. We laughed and had a great time. I will miss you Aunt Rose.##imported-begin##Becky Acevedo##imported-end##

July 11, 2011 at 10:37 PM



“ Dear Robyn and family; We were so sorry to hear about your dear Grandmother, passing away. Her name "Rose", fit her to a T!! She was so very special, and every time I go to my rose garden, I think of her!! She was one of my many favorites, while working at the Monroe House. Rose Embraced the joy of life. She loved people unconditionally, always wore a smile, and had compassion in her heart. Wishing you peace, as you remember a very special life! Love, Cathy & Paul##imported-begin##Cathy & Paul Kersey##imported-end##

July 10, 2011 at 10:50 PM



“ Some of my earliest, fondest memories are times spent with my Aunt Rose and Uncle Rand - at their home in Moses Lake and at their cabin at Lake Wenatchee. Although there were years where our lives took separate paths, she was always close to my heart, and always will be. I'm so glad that she had such a full life, with a big circle of family and friends who loved her.##imported-begin##Judy James##imported-end##

July 10, 2011 at 08:13 PM



“ Dear Robyn and family. Although I had very little time with Rose, it was a privilege to met this beautiful woman. I loved she short white hair....beautiful! I was always so impressed with the love you and your children showered upon her. My mother enjoyed being at her table for meals during her own short time at the Monroe House. Sometime in the near future I would love to hear some stories about her life as she certainly lived a long and hopefully fulfilled time on this earth. Peace be with all of you. You have a wonderful family Robyn and I love being your friend.##imported-begin##Mary Graham##imported-end##

July 10, 2011 at 12:08 PM