



## Thelma (Thompson) Orr

April 19, 1928 - January 13, 2010

Thelma Irene (Thompson) Orr, 81, Moses Lake, Washington resident and former longtime resident of Centralia, Washington, passed away Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee, Washington from complications due to pneumonia. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 18, 2010 at Sticklin Funeral Chapel in Centralia. Interment will follow in Claquato Cemetery in Chehalis. Viewing will take place at the Sticklin Funeral Chapel on Monday from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake. You may sign the guestbook or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com)

Thelma was born in Pelican Rapids MN. April 19, 1928 to Joseph Timinus and Johanna Marie (Knudsen) Thompson. Joseph had six children prior to this marriage: Bert, Lawrence, Tilton, Jule, Chuck, Evelyn, Earl, and Becky.

Thelma was the first born of four children for Joseph and Johanna: Douglas William, Rachael Ramona and Karen Anena. In her youth, Thelma's parents farmed in Minnesota until 1937, at which time they moved to Hoquiam WA. Joseph worked for Hoquiam Plywood. In 1941, they moved to Centralia where Johanna worked as a nurse at Centralia General Hospital. On June 16, 1945, Thelma married Jay Orr in Centralia. Thelma worked as a cook and baker for Centralia School District, Centralia Elks club and Riverside golf course. She pleased many people with her culinary expertise. Thelma also worked as a dietitian for Saint Helens Hospital. Thelma and Jay had two daughters:

Joanne Marie and Jackelyn Louise, both born in Centralia. Thelma is past president of the Centralia Emblem Club and was active as a leader in supporting her daughters in Brownies and Girl Scouts. Thelma lost her husband Jay of 40 wonderful years in 1985. In 1997, Thelma moved from Centralia to Moses Lake to be near her daughter Jackelyn and her family. In 2001, Thelma's oldest daughter and husband moved to Moses Lake from Chehalis. Thelma had a passion for life, especially her family. She also enjoyed knitting and the times fishing with her husband, Jay. Her last home in Moses Lake was at Sandridge Adult Family Home where she enjoyed the close relationships.

Thelma is survived by her two daughters; Joanne (Gary) Garry of Moses Lake, Jackelyn (Randall) Eilert of Lake Stevens. Four grandchildren; Tracy (Jennifer) Skidmore of Boise ID, Rachelle (Delane) Hewett of Bellevue WA, Todd (Marina) Garry of Moses Lake WA, Troy (Tracy) Garry of Tacoma WA, Travis (Julie) Skidmore of Moses Lake WA and 16 wonderful great-grandchildren.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, husband Jay, sister Karen Andvick, Son-in-law Robert Skidmore, grandson Trent Skidmore and all of her half brothers and sisters.

The family extends a special thank you to Jeremy and Shawna Davis of Sandridge Adult Family Home for all their love and compassion.

In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to the charity of your choice in memory of Thelma Orr.

She will be dearly missed by all of those who knew and loved her.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

Sticklin Funeral Chapel  
1437 So. Gold  
Centralia, WA

## Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Sorry to hear about the lost of your loved one. Your friend Paul & Darrell Templeton##imported-begin##Paul Templeton##imported-end##

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January 26, 2010 at 06:44 PM



“ Jackie, Joanne and families,  
I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I know it must be hard to loose her but you know she is at peace in the lords hands.  
God bless all of you.

Love,Lynnette##imported-begin##Lynnette Martin##imported-end##

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January 23, 2010 at 10:04 AM



“ Dear Jackie and family; Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, for the loss of Thelma (your beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother). I worked at the Monroe House for 5 years, and she was a resident there. I have never met anyone who could knit like Thelma...at one time, I had 4 pair of slippers, that she had given me. She would share her recipes with me, stories about her beautiful family, and loved to play bingo and "21" (in my activity program). Thelma loved going to Garden Heights school, to help the children in their reading program. My best memory of Thelma, was her riding the MH bus, that I was driving, and she would go anywhere with me. Whether it was to Walmart, to a downtown activity, or to a out of town "Gambling" activity. She was a goer!! Sincerely, Cathy and Paul Kersey##imported-begin##Cathy & Paul Kersey##imported-end##

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January 18, 2010 at 09:55 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. You will all have many fond memories to remember her by.##imported-begin##Jerri Eilert##imported-end##

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January 18, 2010 at 12:27 AM



“ I have wonderful memories of Thelma when she was a volunteer in my classroom at Garden Heights Elementary School. She loved to be around the students. She always had a smile and a word of encouragement for the children. I remember her lovely warm knitted gifts during Christmas and miss her smile. Blessings be yours, Thelma, as you enter God's rest.##imported-begin##MaryAnn Bennett##imported-end##

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January 16, 2010 at 06:02 PM



“ Dear Joanne and Jackie,  
Your Mother is going to be missed. I always loved her and will miss her. I know she is resting in peace now.

God bless you and your families.

Beverly##imported-begin##Beverly Hicks##imported-end##

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January 16, 2010 at 12:34 PM



“ We wanted you all to know our thoughts and prayers are with you. We know your many wonderful memories along with your faith will carry you through this difficult time. May God Bless and Keep you in His Tender Care. Love Chuck, Martha, J.R., Cheryl, Kyle, & Megan Troy and Jennifer Cox##imported-begin##Martha and Chuck Cox##imported-end##

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January 14, 2010 at 11:37 PM



“ Jackie and Joanne, May God's peace and blessing fill your hearts and homes in this season of sadness.##imported-begin##Pastor Dave Brown##imported-end##

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January 14, 2010 at 03:32 PM