



## Doris M. Splichal

September 7, 1910 - February 7, 2012

In the early morning of February 7th, our beloved Granny, Doris Splichal, passed away peacefully at home in Cheney. She was 101. She was born Doris Mae Benedict, in Sandpoint, Idaho on September 7, 1910, the fourth of five sisters. She grew up on the family farm in Moscow-Pullman area and was a graduate of Pullman High School, class of 1928. Doris graduated from Kinman Business School in 1929, first working as a secretary in the ONB building in Spokane and continuing to work as an administration assistant for the Pullman phone company, the Pullman hospital and the Soil Conservation Service. During which time she met Edward Splichal, whom she married in 1950, thereafter moving to the Splichal farm ten miles south of Cheney, where she lived with her husband and their two daughters, Patty and Helen McCormick. There, Doris was an active member of both the Plaza and East Cheney Granges. Three years ago she was awarded her 50-Year pin as a Grange member. After the death of her daughter Helen and Helen's husband Wayne Johnson in 1965, she raised her two grandsons, Curtis and Dana Johnson. Doris moved to Cheney in 1976, where she continued her involvement in the St. Rose of Lima Women's Guild, becoming Guild president for a term. She also continued her lifelong pursuits in horticulture, sewing, knitting and cooking, where her green thumb and magic with baking served her well. In retirement she also finally had time to become an avid reader and traveler, flying several times to California to visit family and friends. And to Branson, MO and the nearby ancestral plots in Noel, where her parents

originated. Her grandfather fought in General Sherman's army during the Civil War, and a photo of him in retirement, whittling while watching friends shooting marbles, hangs on the second floor of Eichardt's Pub, Grill and Coffee House in Sandpoint. Although Granny was born out West, she always showed her Midwestern charm and sense of humor. She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Testerman of Walla Walla, WA., six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 13, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Cheney. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Burial will be next to her husband at Spokane Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

TE

“Doris' passing is bittersweet. She has lived a life worthy to be emulated by any that knew her, but to imagine her not alive in her home in Cheney creates a large void in our lives. She was a loving, welcoming lady with a sense of humor. It was always a privilege to bring her flowers and see her smile. Our prayers go out to Curtis, Dana, Patty, Steve...all those that she has loved. Thomas and Sky

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**Thomas East** - February 18, 2012 at 02:07 AM

SS

“Aunt Doris you were my favorite Aunt! You will be missed by all of us, your sense of humor will remain with me forever. Rest in Peace and may God cherish you and keep you in his loving arms.  
Sally

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**Sally Shackelford** - February 11, 2012 at 02:49 PM

BB

“ I grew up in Pullman and we lived next door to the Benedict family on "D" street. While I do not remember Doris, but I do remember Patty and Helen McCormick when they lived there. They were a few years older than me, perhaps Jr Hi age, when I was still going to Edison elementary school.

The older lady living there was known to me only as "Mrs. Benedict" - perhaps she was Doris' mother. As I recall, she was a widow.

Another lady living there, Gladis Benedict (sorry if I didn't get spelling on the first name right) also lived there. As I recall, she was "Mrs. Benedict's" daughter - she never married and later moved to Coeur D'Alene. She worked for the phone company and sometimes I would ride to PHS with her when she went to work. She drove a real nice 1938 Chevy tudor sedan. High School boys notice such things!

The Benedicts were real nice people and wonderful neighbors. I would have loved to have met Doris and let her fill in some of the blanks for me. I am guessing that perhaps Gladis was one of Doris' sisters.

Bruce Butler Otis Orchards WA

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**Bruce Butler** - February 11, 2012 at 10:25 AM

AW

“ Thank-you grandma for always smiling and being such an amazing grandma. You taught me so many things, my love of cooking and how to sew and my barbie's and dolls only wore the clothes you made them and that was priceless. You are an inspiration to us all and I know you are in heaven having a grand time with your sisters. Love your granddaughter.

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**Amie White** - February 10, 2012 at 11:42 PM

MB

“ Sorry to hear of her passing. She was an amazing women and it was a pleasure to have known her. Malissa (home health nurse)

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**Malissa Beamer** - February 10, 2012 at 01:25 AM

DA

“ To my loveing grandma.. I will allways have fond memories, and will miss you dearly. Now that you have entered the house of the lord and your pains have all faded. until we meet again. Love you.. rest in peace..

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**David Adams** - February 09, 2012 at 09:13 PM