



## Ethel Belle Helm

November 6, 1929 - May 25, 2015

HELM, Ethel Belle Colby Born: Nov. 6, 1929 Died: May 25, 2015 Ethel grew up in the Spokane Valley (Dishman), the daughter of Lew and Annie Colby. She had one brother Mel, of the Spokane Valley. Ethel graduated from West Valley High School and enjoyed many life-long friends from her high school years. She attended Linfield College prior to her marriage to Donald J. Helm in March 1950. The couple had their first child a girl Leanne in June 1953. While they worked together on the family cattle ranch just west of Cheney. A second child a boy, Roger came in April 1955. Ethel and Don enjoyed 52 years of marriage and a fine retirement until Don passed in 2002. While enjoying the warm AZ climate during the winter of 2003 Ethel met Norman Hoekstra of North Dakota. They had a loving relationship continuing to “winter” in AZ and “summer” in Spokane up until she passed on in Mesa AZ. She is survived by her: son, Roger J. Helm, Spokane Valley; grandson, Justin B. Helm, Brookland NY; grandson, Colby J. Helm Spokane, and her chosen companion, Norman Hoekstra of Gold Canyon, AZ. A memorial service in her honor will be held at Cheney Funeral Home, on June 15th.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathies on the passing of your mother.*

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**Joan Mamanakis** - June 02, 2015 at 03:04 PM

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“ *My sympathies to Roger and his family. Many, many fun memories of summers at the lake with the Helm family.*

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**Laurie Suess** - June 02, 2015 at 01:33 PM