



Helen Elisabeth Boots

January 26, 1921 - March 3, 2019

Helen Elisabeth (Babb) Boots, 98, lifelong resident of the Cheney area, died March 3, 2019, at her home in Cheney.

Mrs. Boots was born on the family farm, SE of Cheney, January 26th, 1921, to area pioneers, John and Eunice (Sperry) Babb. She lived on the family farm, attended the local one-room school, and then Cheney High School. Later, she attended Eastern Washington College of Education and worked for then-Governor Clarence D. Martin as his secretary until she entered the Women's Auxiliary Army Corp., and later the Women's Army Corps in 1943. While in the service, Helen served with the 9205 Technical Service Unit and the 9th Service Command with Special Assignment.

Shortly after her discharge in Dec 1945, Helen married R. Garnett Boots on Feb 8, 1946. They lived in Plaza for 3 years before moving to Cheney.

Helen taught in the Preschool program at Eastern while she finished her teaching degree, and later taught for 22 years for the Medical Lake School District at Eastern State Hospital's Juvenile classrooms, the Maximum Security Boys' section, and later at Lakeland Village as the Home Training instructor. Mrs. Boots was a life member of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, having served, among other offices, as state President. She was a lifetime member of East Cheney Grange, Washington

State Grange, and the National Grange, having served at the local and state levels. She belonged to the Cheney Cemetery Association, having spent many years caring for several cemeteries in the Cheney area. She was also a member of the Babb Family Association, DAR, Alpha Delta Kappa, Council for Exceptional Children, and Spokane Home Economics Association.

For many years, she assisted with the Spokane VA Homeless program and was the secretary for the Spokane County Veterans Board. Also, she was a very proud member of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association and is listed in the Women's in Service Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Mrs. Boots is survived by her children, John (Barbara) Boots of Cheney, and Mary (Dale) Davis of Lacey. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Elisa (Craig) Price of Tacoma, Robert (Paula) Davis of Anchorage, Beth (Travis) Floyd of Cheney, and Sara (Tristen) Lawson of Black Diamond and Great Grandchildren: Christian Price of Chicago, Payton Price of Tacoma, Tyson Park of Cheney, Madison Payne and Bralyn Payne of Cheney, Alice Clark of Colville, and Jansen Lawson of Black Diamond.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Garnett Boots, and her brother John Babb. She is also survived by many close and loving nieces and nephews and their families. She will be missed.

Her funeral will be held on Friday, March 8th, 2019, at 2 pm at Cheney Funeral Chapel, 1632 W 1st St, Cheney, WA. A Viewing will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. before the funeral. Memorial donations may be sent in honor of Helen to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation, 3450 Founders Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46268, or by calling 317-569-4500.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Helen was a respected and loved member of Alpha Nu, a chapter in Alpha Delta Kappa. She was a giving educator, friend and sister. We send our condolences to her family and friends. Her legacy lives on in all of us who treasured her.*
Sincerely,
Alpha Nu members

Bonnie Sullivan - June 27, 2019 at 01:37 PM

YK

“ *Mary,*
On behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Montana we would like to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of your Mother, Helen.. You are in our thoughts and prayers and may your wonderful memories of your Mother bring you some peace during this difficult time!
With Deepest Sympathy,
Yvonne Kostelecky
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Montana
Department Chaplain

Yvonne Kostelecky - March 09, 2019 at 07:11 PM

PB

“ *Mary, so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and all of your family.*

Peggy Bishop
Indiana

Peggy Bishop - March 09, 2019 at 01:20 PM

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“ *As a neighbor and Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR) friend, Helen was an inspiration. My farm family was proud to know her. Her tireless work to improve the Cheney Cemetery Association and Fairview Cemetery will continue to bless Cheney.*



Charles and Julie Painter Pittmann - March 07, 2019 at 06:19 PM