



## Helen Doris Finsen

February 28, 1926 - October 15, 2011

Our beloved mother and grandmother Helen went home peacefully on October 15, 2011. Helen was born in Iowa on February 28, 1926 to Florence and Daniel Sullivan in Adams County, Iowa. One of her passions was teaching and as soon as she graduated high school she taught school all eight grades in a one room schoolhouse. Later on, she was trained by the U.S. Army in Walla Walla, WA to be a Registered Nurse and she never looked back. Soon after, she moved to Medical Lake, Washington where she became head Surgical Nurse at Eastern State Hospital and later then the RN 4 for Lakeland Village. Raising four children on her own, Mom always made sure we were loved and had everything we needed. Her children and grandchildren were her life and she has left a huge hole in our hearts that can only be filled with the fond and loving memories she created for us. Mom adored and loved children and was always willing to help a child in need. She volunteered her time in helping kids who were having trouble learning to read at the local school and donated volumes of books to the school library. She tirelessly volunteered at the Medical Lake Care and Share, eventually enabling the purchase of the new larger location. She was a former Medical Lake City Council woman and Senior Citizen of the Year. She is preceded in death by her parents, brother Bernard, husband James, son Phillip and great-grandson Vincent. Helen is survived by daughters; Francie and Barbara, son Steve, her sisters; Elizabeth and Mary Pat, brother Maurice, grandchildren; Taylor Crawford, Arianna Murray and Phillip Murray. Many thanks to the Hospice of

Spokane for the caring support they provided mom and us during our hour of need. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to this worthy, compassionate organization. A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 22, 2011 at CHENEY FUNERAL CHAPEL . A gathering will be held at Bill & Francie Ahlfs home after interment.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I loved Helen. Philip and I were pals when we were young. My mother, Mary Pohle, were great friends with Helen. I'm sorry to hear of her passing.*

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**Ann (Pohle) Shedal** - February 09, 2016 at 10:54 PM

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“ *Dear Barb and Steve  
I had to let you know that I'm thinking of you both at this sad time. I am forever grateful to your mom ( and the both of you ) for allowing me to live with you my last year of high school. It meant everything to me to be able to stay in M.L. "Ma" was such a great lady, with a wonderful sense of humour. She will always have a special place in my heart. Mary.. xoxo*

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**Mary McArthur** - October 23, 2011 at 08:11 PM

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“ *Helen Doris Finsen*

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**Lodema Cullum** - October 20, 2011 at 12:19 AM