



Katharine E Hardie

September 1, 1926 - December 28, 2015

Katharine Elsie Hardie (Copping) was born on September 1, 1926 to George and Myra Copping in Glendive, Montana, where she was raised. She was involved in 4H, belonged to the Order of the Rainbow, and worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad until moving to Spokane in 1945 to attend Kinman Business University. There she met and married Delbert Hardie on May 30, 1948. The two lived in the valley until 1959, when they moved closer to Delbert's workplace at EWU. There, with five children, they lived in a two-bedroom house Delbert built as a temporary home while building a larger home on Betz Road in Cheney. Katharine was involved as a homemaker, a 4H leader, and both she and Delbert were members of the Grange. Katharine began working full time at EWU in 1970 in the Office of the Registrar, and continued until her retirement in 1993, at the age of 67 years. Following retirement, she devoted herself to cooking, gardening, cake decorating, and traveling with Delbert. Aside from traveling, Katharine's favorite activity was gardening, and she would spend hours tending her gardens filled primarily with dahlias, roses, iris, and petunias. Katharine's greatest joy, however, was devoting herself to her family. Every year, there would be multiple family gatherings at their home, from birthdays to holidays. She was especially fond of the Christmas season, when the family would gather at the house on Christmas Eve, attend services at the United Methodist Church, then drive through the community looking at Christmas lights, and finally open gifts back at their home. Katharine is survived by her five children and their spouses,

Linda Portwood (Dave), David Hardie (Stacey), Anita Korta (Kevin), Mark Hardie (Shirley), and Larry Hardie (Krissy); her grandchildren, Mandy, Chad, Kerry Ann, Joshua, Kasey, Christian, Kalen, Nathan, September, Meghan, Matthew, Michael, and Brandon; and twenty-one great grandchildren.

Katharine passed in the early morning hours of December 28, 2015, with her immediate family at her side. To her family, friends, fellow employees and to many passing acquaintances, Katharine will be greatly missed. A memorial honoring Katharine's life will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. at the United Methodist Church in Cheney, Washington, to be followed by a reception at the same location and a graveside ceremony at Spokane-Cheney Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Hospice House of Spokane would be both welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Linda and Family, I am saddened to learn through the Jan. 7, 2016 CFP that your mother has passed. It sounds like your mother was well accomplished in many areas, and produced a family of good people. You will love her forever and always miss her, as I do my mom. God's peace and comfort. Marilyn Lewis Droz (CHS'69)

Marilyn Lewis Droz - January 25, 2016 at 12:36 PM

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“ To Katharine's family, I worked for a couple of years in the Registrar's office with Katharine when I was a student at EWU in the early 90s. She was one of my favorite coworkers. She was a great lady and I feel fortunate to have known her. Sending my sympathy and offering prayers for comfort at your loss. Janet Wilbanks

Janet Wilbanks - January 08, 2016 at 11:42 AM