



Katherine L Anderson

July 16, 1913 - November 27, 2013

KATHERINE L. ANDERSON (age 100) Of Cheney Washington passed away November 27, 2013. She was born July 16, 1913 in Renton, Washington, the eldest of eleven children. She grew up on the Lund Dairy Farm on Cow Creek in Benge, Washington. Katherine completed her two year teaching certificate at Cheney Normal school, and her B.A. at Eastern Washington college. She married Cecil Anderson June 4, 1934 in Newport, Washington where they ran Kelly's Tavern and cut wood for a living during the depression years. She taught at schools in Mt. Spokane, Hooper and Sunnyside before moving to the Cramer farm they purchased in Cheney in 1946. Katherine plumbed the old Cramer house so they would have running water and an inside bathroom. Upon learning 5 year old daughter Sharon was deaf, Katherine drove Sharon to Davis School for the Hearing Impaired in Spokane every day and became the school secretary. After urging by the Principal, Edna Davis, and a Davis School Parent Scholarship, Katherine and her family traveled to San Francisco where she completed her M.Ed. in Deaf Education in one year. She taught at Davis school until she retired. No stranger to hard work, Katherine helped Cecil milk 60 cows morning and night while teaching before they went to beef cattle. Katherine raised big vegetable gardens, baked 30 apple pies to freeze every fall and made chocolate cake from scratch, which was a favorite of the grandchildren and everyone who stopped to visit. She had the prettiest yard with every kind of flower which filled her spare moments with weeding. She fixed fences, helped build barns, built her own new house and helped

Homer remodel trailers. She cared for her aging mother, brother and husband in her home until they passed away. Katherine and Cecil purchased land at Warden in the newly opened Columbia Basin Irrigation District where they lived in a tent, cleared tumble weeds, and broke new ground to grow their own alfalfa to support their dairy and beef cattle. Cecil passed away January of 1987, Katherine continued living on the farm at Cheney until her death. She is survived by her sister; Margaret Fleming of Kirkland, WA. Children; Robert Anderson (Luann), Sharon Corbit, and Joan Dickerson (Homer). Grandchildren; Vic and Cecil Anderson (Shereen), Adam Corbit (Jill), Dana Dickerson, Lisa Graese (Kevin), Tina Teal (Tolman), and Great Grandchildren; Chad and Victoria Anderson, Raeann and Jake Anderson, Cody Corbit, Athena Dickerson, Ethan and Pamela Graese, and Chance and Lane Teal. Special caregivers and friends; Brook Burdick, Diane Fitzner and Kit Just. Katherine was preceded in death by brothers; Otto, Vic, George, Ralph and Andrew (Sonny) and sisters; Irene, Edna, Eleanor and Carol. Katherine led a happy, caring, hard working, productive life. She helped many and was respected and loved by all. At her request, no public service was held. A private burial attended by family was held on November 29, at Spokane Memorial Gardens.

Tribute Wall

AS

“ *She sounds like an extraordinary woman. I wish I had had a chance to meet her when I lived in Spokane. Her grandmother Frances Freiner was my great great grandmother. I hope I got that right. If the family has old Freiner photos they'd like to share I have some also.*

Austin Sloan - April 29, 2015 at 08:14 AM

PC

“ *I LOVED KATHERINE
CECIL WAS MY DAD CHARLES ALBERT SALT'S FIRST COUSIN.
MY GRANDMA ANNA ANDERSON SALT WAS CECIL'S
FATHER'S SISTER.
WE ALL ADMIRERED KATHERINE AND CECIL.
VISITING KATHERINE WHEN SHE TOLD US OF THE MANY
CALVES SHE WAS IN THE MIDST OF,
"KATHERINE YOU ARE A WONDER WOMAN! I WISH I HAD
YOUR DNA!"
I LOVED KATHERINE*

PATRICIA DALT CHARLES - February 05, 2014 at 05:39 PM

BB

“ *I've known Katherine as Mrs. Anderson when I was a student at Davis School. I learned how to read, write, lip read and speak. I admired her strong teaching methods. I am amazed at how hard she worked on her farm and at Davis School. I will miss her and I thank Mrs. Anderson for what she had done for me and the students. Bryan Branson*

Bryan Branson - December 21, 2013 at 11:59 PM

LD

“ I was privileged to have known her. I used to haul her cattle for her. She wouldn't let anyone else haul them. She was a hard worker.

Lisle Dare - December 16, 2013 at 12:59 PM

CM

“ I was sorry to hear about Katherine, she was a dedicated mother and wife. She was such a special person. I'll never forget dancing with her at her granddaughter Tina's wedding.

CLINTON MILLER - December 16, 2013 at 01:39 AM

RW

“ Kate, The Woman I rented from was very kind and very caring.

Robert W. Webb - December 15, 2013 at 07:12 PM

GC

“ Dear Sharon and family, friends -
You and so many others have been blessed by your mom's life. Our sympathy for your loss -
Gayle & Kay Chew

Gayle Corbit Chew - December 08, 2013 at 08:15 PM

LB

“ Katherine L Anderson

Linda Boynton - December 08, 2013 at 05:33 PM

QM

“ I know you will miss her,But she is Where I want to be With Jesus!
Love You

Quay & Roy Morris - December 08, 2013 at 08:24 AM