



Marie Eloise Holt Goodwin

June 16, 1929 - November 30, 2017

Guy and Winnifred (Lindell) Holt welcomed their baby Eloise on June 16, 1929 at Spokane, Washington. The family home was near Four Lakes where Eloise lived for 18 years. Eloise started school at Marshall for three years, then because of boundary changes, grades 4-8 were completed at Four Lakes. She attended Cheney Junior High and Cheney High School graduating in 1947 as Valedictorian of her class. During high school, she worked on the "Blackhawk" newsletter and the "Pine Cone" yearbook and was on the drill team. On June 19, 1947 Eloise had found her one true love and married James Howard Goodwin. Eloise and Jim raised three boys – Richard Sidney, Frederick James, and Roger Lee – on their farm on Mullinix Road. Eloise worked as a secretary for the Cheney School District and Eastern Washington University Campus School for twenty-five years. After getting an RV, they joined National Camping Travelers group camping throughout the Inland Empire for twenty years. Eloise's first airplane ride was to Germany to see her first grandchild, Richard Jr. Other trips were with Alpha Omega bus tours to many places in the Western United States. On their 25th and 60th anniversary, the "dream trips" were to Hawaii. Eloise joined the Juvenile Grange at Four Lakes and continued membership in the Grange at Amber, later Tyler, for over 70 years. She was a 7th Degree member of the Grange. She and Jim became members of Martha Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, in 1965. She held many offices becoming Worthy Matron in 1981 and again in 1991. She was appointed a Grand Representative to New Mexico from 1994-

96. She received her 50 Year Eastern Star Membership Pin in December 2016. She was confirmed in Cheney Emmanuel Lutheran Church in 1953 and reconfirmed in 2014. She was a past Guardian of Job's Daughters. Eloise enjoyed music playing at Four Lakes Church, Four Lakes Grange, National Camping Travelers, and Eastern Star using keyboard, piano, or accordion. Other hobbies included reading historical novels and paperback books, gardening, sewing, crocheting afghans, hats, baby sweaters, quilting, and other hand crafts from plastic canvas. Family history was an ongoing project. Eloise passed away on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at her home. Eloise is survived by: son Richard (Carrie); daughter-in-law Marguerite Goodwin; eleven grandchildren – Richard Jr., Kristina (Garnett), Chad, Keith, James, and Emily (Parmer), Jason Gurgel, Matthew Gurgel, Jolene Ford, Jesse Gurgel and Danelle McLachlan; twenty four great-grandchildren; six great great-grandchildren; sister Jayneta (Jim) Butler; sister-in-law Maxine Holt and sister-in-law Florence Harris. Preceded in death by: husband James; sons Frederick and Roger; brother Donald Holt; and great grand-daughter Elizabeth Goodwin. A Graveside Service will be held, December 9, 12:30 pm at the Marshall Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will follow at 2:00 pm at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Cheney, WA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 639 Elm St, Cheney, WA 99004 or any charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“*Eloise loved being on Turnbull Wildlife Refuge and having the animals visit her every day. Most consistent were the turkeys who loved the grain she had for them. She would talk to them and they followed her wherever she went. Of course, there were also the "varmits" who created havoc with her garden and seemed to delight in making her mad. She tried everything she could to eliminate them, but, of course, this was their territory, and I think mostly the animals won the battle. She loved the challenge anyway.*

from Jayneta Butler (Eloise's sister)

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