



Barbara Vinkes

May 19, 1931 - July 31, 2013

Barbara Ringnalda Vinkes died peacefully on July 31, 2013 at Christian Healthcare Center in Lynden, surrounded by her family.

Barbara was born on May 19, 1931 in Los Angeles to parents Reinder Theunis Ren Ringalda and Dieuwke Dorothy Van der Kooi, who were both immigrants from Bergum, the Netherlands. They arrived in New York City on Christmas Eve 1927 aboard the ship the Ryndam.

Barbara was raised in Lynden, where she married Albert Vinkes on April 1, 1952. She spent the majority of her life as a farm wife, raising four children and taking care of the family home in Everson. Her children call her a counselor, teacher, chef, and friend. She also worked at Fairway Cafe, Aries Meats, J.J. Newberrys five and dime store, and as a telephone switchboard operator. Barbara and Albert were snowbirds and spent many winters in Yuma, Arizona during their retirement.

Barbara loved cooking, baking, sewing, reading, teaching Sunday school, and helping with church camp. She was a member of Faith Reformed Church in Lynden. Her friends and family were her joy, and she loved coffee time. She was an amazing listener. Barbara also enjoyed politics, and she volunteered at the voting polls for many years.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Albert, of Lynden; son Everett (Lisa) Vinkes of Lynden; daughter Kathleen (Eric) Bates of Randolph, Wisc.; daughter Eileen (Gary) Hertel of Lynden; son Allen (Kristin) Vinkes of Blaine; sister Dorothy DeJager of Randolph, Wisc.; sister-in-law Ellen Ringalda of Vancouver, Wash.; and sister-in-law Stella Som of Lynden. Barbara has seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ren and Dorothy Ringalda, of Lynden; brother Thomas Ringalda of Vancouver, Wash.; sister Ruby Zegers of Salem, Ore.; and grandson Anthony, who died shortly after birth.

Farewell Tribute Information

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2013 at Faith Reformed Church in Lynden following a private burial at Monumenta Cemetery. A viewing will be held 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5 at Moles Farewell Tributes, 1907 Front St., Lynden. Donations Information

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Reformed Church Missions, 300 7th Street, Lynden, WA 98264.

Tribute Wall

ER

“ *This lady will live in my heart forever. There will never be another person like her.*

Ellen Ringnalda - July 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *What a Christ-centered, generous woman. We will miss her! She was always so loving and interested in our daughters.*

Courtney Van Maaren - July 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Albert Vlnkes and Family, I know that Barbara is at peace and no pain now! I also know that she is with our Lord and smiling that big smile of hers. Thank-You Barb for being so kind to me and talking with me while we were in PT/Rehab together at CHCC this last year. I looked forward to seeing you when you came to exercise!! Praying for peace and comfort to you all. I know she will be in your heart always as she will be in mine even though I knew her for such a short time!! Her smile made me feel at peace. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!:)*

Marvi Watson - July 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *We are so sorry for the loss of Barb, she was a one of a kind sweet lady and we will miss her deeply. she was so kind and always had wise words to share. we love you Barb.*

Jerry and Mona Bartelds - July 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I hope that your sorrow soon turns into fond memories.* ”

Rolf Beckhusen - July 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM