



Charlotte Mabel Whiteley

March 27, 1922 - June 9, 2025

Charlotte Mabel (Graves) Whiteley passed away peacefully on Monday, June 9, 2025, in Blaine, Washington, at the remarkable age of 103.

Born on March 27, 1922, in Whatcom County, Washington, Charlotte was the youngest child of Maud A. (Plaster) Graves and Frank C. Graves. She grew up with three older brothers—Lee, Frank, and Bert. She attended Marietta, Custer, and Ferndale schools and graduated from Ferndale High School.

On April 2, 1940, Charlotte married her childhood sweetheart, John W. Whiteley. They made their home on the Creasy Road in Custer and raised their son, Arnold Lee Whiteley, there. Later they moved to the beach at Gooseberry Point. Charlotte and John shared a love of dancing and spent many Saturday nights at local grange hall dances. They also enjoyed road trips and spent many vacations in Branson, MO and visiting their son in Wisconsin.

Throughout her long life, Charlotte worked various jobs, including as a waitress at the White Spot, always balancing her work with her deep devotion to her family and friends. Known for her generous spirit, she was a cherished friend and neighbor, always ready to welcome visitors with a warm cup of tea and a good story. Charlotte loved entertaining and had a special gift for making others feel at home. She was a member of New Life Fellowship and

the Samish Indian Nation.

Charlotte found great joy in simple pleasures—playing cards and games, assembling puzzles, tending her garden, and baking her delicious blackberry cobbler. She especially loved long walks on the beach, collecting agates and interesting stones along the shore. Even as her eyesight and age eventually limited her activities, her positive attitude, gentle spirit and loving heart endured.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 2008; her son, Arnold, in 2012; an infant grandson, Michael, in 1967; her parents; and her brothers.

She is survived by her grandchildren: Charlotte Capri Whiteley; Arnold John (AJ) Whiteley; Matthew and Lori Whiteley; and Brian Whiteley. She also leaves behind great-grandchildren: Jennifer Stillings, Paige Dowdy, Casey Samuelson, Austin Whiteley, Robyn Whiteley, and Lori's children Shawn and Alex Quinnell; as well as great-great-grandchildren: Ezra Ruffin, Luca Ruffin, and Henry Whiteley. Charlotte is also remembered by her nephews, Richard Graves and Grant Graves, dear friends, and extended family members.

Charlotte now rests in peace, reunited with her beloved family.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at Moles Greenacres Memorial Park, 5700 Northwest Dr., Ferndale, WA.

Tribute Wall

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“ We met Charlotte (and John) in Branson April, 2003 on the Showboat Branson Belle. She asked us to stop in and visit if we were ever in the area. That Sept. we were surprised to run into them again in Branson at Smoke On The Mountain. We couldn't believe it! April, 2004 we returned to Branson and asked a server where she was from and she replied, “A little town in WA. you've probably never heard of.” Asked her where and she said “Bellingham”. We KNEW at that point we had to visit. Needless to say, we became good friends with she and John and grew to really love them. What great times we had through the years, playing cards and going for drives with them and their wonderful friends! Charlotte was the sweetest lady we ever knew. She loved Jesus and looked forward to going 'Home'. We can't wait to join our dear, sweet, Bellingham and Ferndale friends in Glory.

Condolences to her children, niece Linda (her mother) and Rick, and our special friend Willis who was there to take care of her the last few years.

Tom & Carol Horton - June 17, 2025 at 12:00 AM