



## Della Chapman

June 6, 1929 - December 17, 2014

Della Chapman, age 85, passed away Wednesday, December 17, 2014.

Della enjoyed traveling with Russ and her twin sister Delcie. She and Russ were Washington State Parks Department Hosts for 10 years. She loved meeting new people and sharing stories with them.

Della was an expert seamstress and sewed for many people. She loved bowling and was inducted into the Whatcom County Bowling Hall of Fame.

Della leaves behind her loving husband of 66 years, Russ Chapman; sons Rusty, Scot and Mark Chapman; sisters Nadine Burmaster and Norma Hardin; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; numerous nieces and nephews; special friend and caregiver Wendy Owens.

She was preceded in death by her oldest son Richard Chapman and her twin sister Delcie.

Della made us laugh, she made us cry. But mostly she loved us all fiercely. She will be forever missed.

A Memorial Service will be held Monday, December 22, 2014 at Noon at Moles Farewell Tributes – Greenacres Memorial Park, 5700 Northwest Dr.,

Ferndale, WA.

A Graveside will be held at 1:00PM with a reception to follow.

# Tribute Wall

BE

“ Dear Russ, Rusty, Scott, Mark and Norma,  
My heart feels sad after reading this but I give thanks and praise to God for having had Della in our lives for over thirty years. When we moved to Bellingham from Tacoma, she reached out to us in many ways and was always ready to help in any way she could. What would I have done without her help in sewing and especially when Julie's husband was visiting us from Sweden and the zipper on his fly broke! I was reassured I could repair it with Della's help and instead she insisted on taking it to do herself. She wouldn't let me pay her and that happened other times as well. She loved her family and was so proud of your girls, Scott, when they took piano lessons and had their recital at our church. She was also very proud of both Rusty and Mark, not to mention you, Russ. We had many good laughs and I loved her sense of humor. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,  
Geevy & Bob

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**Bob and Geevy Ellerby** - December 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Dear Russ, I loved Della for all that she did for me. She mended my clothes and mended my heart, when she talked non-stop about all of her family and her zest for life. She was tiny but big on life!!!! I was saddened to see that she is not here any more.  
Please know that she made a difference in my life.

Sincerely,  
Roxanna Hayes

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**Roxanna Hayes** - December 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Dearest Russ and family, Just a few words to say I shall miss Della who I always saw as a sister.

When first we met. We looked at each other smiled and we were bonded.

Russ our trips together through out the years are wonderful memories I treasure in my heart.

Our many lunches together at the casinos. so enjoyable. and just getting together at each others houses to talk and laugh and enjoy one another.

With love and a hug,

Sally

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Sara/Sally - December 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM