



Erma Irene Hatley

December 31, 1918 - April 5, 2013

Erma I. Hatley

Erma Denker Hardan Hatley passed away quietly on Friday April 5th, 2013 at the age of 94. Erma was born on December 31, 1918 during a blizzard in Straubville, North Dakota to Deidrich and Grace Denker. She moved with her family to Whatcom County at the age of 8, attended Lynden schools and graduated in 1935. After graduation, she attended Bellingham Business School and began her bookkeeping career at Darigold. In 1938, while employed at Darigold, she met and married Jack Hardan and they made their home in North Bellingham. She stayed home to raise her family and in 1952 returned to work at Darigold until she retired in 1983.

Ermas lifetime interests included cooking, canning, and sewing. She was active for 75 years in 4-H leadership. Those roles included judging food and clothing exhibits at the Northwest Washington Fair. She was a 50-year member of the WSHCE as well as a 75-year member of the Ten Mile Grange. She helped other community members and organizations selflessly during her lifes work.

Erma is survived by her daughter Joyce (Don) Smith; her son David (Judi) Hardan; and son-in-law Wayne Cardin. She was preceded in death by her first husband Jack in 1968, second husband Heber in 2004, and daughter Ruth

Cardin in 1977. Erma was blessed with 6 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great granddaughter.

Visitation will be Tuesday, April 9, 3:00pm 7:00pm and Wednesday, April 10, noon to 1:30pm at Moles Farewell Tributes 2039 Main St., Ferndale. A celebration of Ermas life will follow at 1:30pm at Moles with burial immediately following at Woodlawn Cemetery. After the services, the family will be hosting a reception at the home of David and Judi Hardan (412 Clark Court) in Lynden. Memorial donations may be made in Ermas name to the Pennies for Friendship Fund of Washington State Home and Community Educators c/o Joyce Smith PO Box 31757 Bellingham, WA 98228.

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Tribute Wall

LH

“ Sorry to hear of Erma’s passing. It takes me back to my 4-H days. Erma was my leader. It holds a lot of great and happy memories for me. It even takes me into my adulthood when Erma and I judged together at the fair. She will be greatly missed.

Lois Herrin Hindman - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ To the loving Son, Daughter, Family & Friends, may I offer my sympathy in the painful loss of your dear Erma. Hopefully you will be comforted by these Verses from the Bible: Psalms34:18 “JEHOVAH IS NEAR TO THOSE THAT ARE BROKEN AT HEART, AND THOSE WHO ARE CRUSHED IN SPIRIT HE SAVES”

Rita Perry - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ On behalf of my mother, Jennie Koster, I want to offer her condolences. My mother attended Northwood School with Erma, and there were fond memories of those days. Mom will miss her dear friend Erma. John Koster

Jennie Koster - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ What a glorious lady. They were neighbors to us for many years. Watched the kids grow up and they were always ready to help the newbies in the neighborhood. Jack was like Dicks righthand man for many years. Erma was always helpfully in the kitchen with my many questions. Many, many fond memories. Miss them both.

Dick & Corrine Parks - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM