



Grayce E. Potts

August 28, 1921 - October 12, 2013

Lynden, WA

Grayce Eldora (Belew) Potts went home to be with her Lord on October 12, 2013 at the age of 92. Grayce was born in Mountain View, Missouri on August 28, 1921 to John Otis Belew and Ida Thomas Belew. She attended Mountain View Schools where she enjoyed spelling bees and girls basketball. She was the last survivor of all 15 of Johns and her siblings and their spouses. At age 18 Grayce moved to St. Louis to become a beautician and worked there until she was married. She re-activated her license in 1960 and for many years operated Grayce Beauty Shop in Everson where the most recent community news was available. Grayce married John Potts in Biloxi Mississippi in 1943 during Johns term of service in the Army. Their first child, Sandra, was born in Laredo, Texas. At her death Grayce had 14 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

In the mid-1940s Grayce and John moved to Whatcom County along with three of Johns siblings and their families, Roy and Pearl Wood, Claude and Toddy Potts and Sam and Jane Smith. Being from agrarian roots, all became farmers, primarily in berries. Most also had other occupations. Success came from faith, hard work and honesty. Grayce was tireless in helping others and was a hard worker of long hours commencing at dawn. She served full breakfasts. She canned fruits and vegetables from Johns massive garden and

eastern Washington. For a number of years the family operated a 20-acre farm with milk and beef cows, raspberry fields and 1000 laying hens. Over the years they were members of Evergreen Community Church in Ferndale, Nooksack Valley Baptist Church in Everson and Lynden Grace Fellowship in Lynden. After retiring, John and Grayce lived on Bonanza Drive in Lynden for many years enjoying Johns garden and their grandchildren.

Surviving Grayce are her children Sandra (Jerry) Hallberg, Everett Potts, Timothy (Bonnie) Potts, Terri Potts and Randy (Angela) Potts. Her grandchildren are Carey (Nikki) Hallberg, Heidi Hallberg (Howard) Foss, Curt (Kim) Hallberg, Jeremy (Taryn) Hallberg, Miranda Hallberg, Erica Hallberg, Melisa Potts, Logan Potts, Colin (Breeze) Potts Ethan (Kelli) Potts, Jennifer Potts; Travis (Lissa) Willemsen; Jesse Potts and Mallory Potts.

Farewell Tribute Information

A graveside and memorial service will be held for Grayce on Friday October 25, 2013 at 1:00pm at Moles Farewell Tributes Greenacres, 5700 Northwest Dr, Ferndale, WA 98248. Donations Information

Memorials may be sent to New Life Center, 205 S. B.C. Avenue #1, Lynden, WA 98264.

Tribute Wall

SD

“ So sorry for your familys loss I have so many hreat memories w the Hallberg family and spending time w Grace. I miss those days. Sorry I was unable to attend the service. My prayers and love are with you all Jerry Sandy Carey Curt JJ. Erica Miranda extended family and one of my best and dearest friend Heidi. Sincerely Sher Bear23424

Sheri DeWitt - October 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our sympathy to the Potts family. The neighborhood has never been the same since Grandma Grayce & Grandpa John left. We have such wonderful memories of our sunny day visits and the garden yummys that were always shared. She was one of those neighbors the kids will never forget growing up with. Terri we miss you and will be thinking of you during your loss.

Dan & Deb Luna & family - October 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ SandySo sorry to hear about your Mother...She will be missed I'm sure. Our prayers are with you at this time....Julie

Julie & Ed Porter - October 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Please accept my condolences to Grayce's family; especially to Sandy and Jerry Halberg and Tim and Bonnie Potts and your families for your loss. Seeing all your names brought back many happy memories. God bless you all during this sad time. Gladys

Gladys Struiksma - October 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ To families of Grayce Potts, This is a difficult time and we are thinking of you all and praying for you as you go through this journey. It is such a comfort to know she is with her Lord and Saviour and at peace. We look forward to the Reunion Day that Jesus has planned for us who love Him and have accepted Him as Saviour. Our family has so many fond memories of the Potts family. Grayce was such a very special lady and touched many lives and served the Lord faithfully. Thinking of you all.

Jon and Joanne DeBondt - October 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM