



## Hertha Margrethe Knutsen

March 3, 1917 - December 19, 2013

Fjortoft, Norway

Hertha Margrethe Knutsen, 96, of Bellingham, WA passed away Thursday, December 19, 2013. She was born in Fjortoft, Norway to Henrik and Marie Otterlei and moved to this country at the age of six.

Hertha graduated from Meridian High School and attended Whatcom Normal School, now WWU. She married Irving Knutsen, her husband of 58 years, and together they raised their four children. She was a long time member of Central Lutheran Church.

Hertha was preceded in death by her parents and husband; her brothers, Hank and Bill Otterlei; her daughter, Virgie Hartford; her son, Rick Knutsen; and son-in-law, Richard Schwartz.

She is survived by daughters Karolyn Schwartz and Marci Scott; son-in-law, Harold Scott; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Hertha was an amazing person- a gem to treasure and emulate!

Farewell Tribute Information

A celebration of her life will be held at Central Lutheran Church, 925 Forest St. on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 1:00pm. Donations Information

Memorials may be made to Central Lutheran Church or Whatcom Hospice, 2800 Douglas Ave., Bellingham, WA 98225 Donations Links:

Whatcom Hospice

Central Lutheran Church

# Tribute Wall

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“ PERHAPS THEY ARE NOT STARS IN THE SKY BUT RATHER OPEINGS WHERE OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED SHINE DOWN TO LET US KNOW THEY ARE HAPPY.....YOU WERE LIKE A MOM AND BEST FRIEND TO ME.....I SURELY WILL MISS YOU.....WISHING ALL MY FAMILY PEACE AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME....

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**LISA KOTTAS** - December 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *What a sweet and gracious lady. Part of the Sears lunch bunch and she will be missed. May the Lord give you peace and comfort at this time.*

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**Marge Backman** - December 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ *Mrs Knutsen Rest in Peace. Fond memories of the family from my youth.*  
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**Garey Vodopich** - December 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *We so enjoyed meeting and visiting with Hertha in the hospital room she shared with Gary's mom in mid-December. Such a delightful lady. Our sincere sympathy upon her passing.*

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**Julie Howard & Gary Coye** - December 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM