



## Marie E. Russell

October 19, 1932 - February 6, 2013

Marie Russell, 80, died Wednesday Feb. 6, 2013 in Bellingham, WA due to complications of Alzheimers disease.

Marie Elizabeth Gibbs was born Oct. 19, 1932 in Stowe, VT to Kenneth and Martha (Thurston) Gibbs. She graduated from Waterbury High School in 1950. Marie married Vern Ray Russell in Virginia in 1951. They lived in Waterbury then moved to Custer, WA in 1959. They later divorced and she and her youngest six children moved back to Waterbury, VT. In 1973 she married Lawrence Bucky Charland. They later divorced. While in Vermont, Marie worked at the National Life Insurance Company. In 1980 she moved to Seattle, WA, where she was employed by Wards Cove Packing Company for many years. Marie eventually retired to Custer in 1993 and in 1998 developed Alzheimers and began living in assisted care facilities.

Marie loved dancing several times a week at the local senior center. She collected music boxes and loved her dogs Samantha and Peaches. When she was in good health Marie enjoyed taking her older grandchildren on trips.

Marie is survived by a brother, Paul (Sue) Gibbs of Orange City, FL; a sister, Joan Duffy of Waterbury Center, VT; seven sons, Steve Russell and Chris Russell of Ferndale, WA., Lloyd Russell of Custer, WA., Floyd (Dawn) Russell, Mark Russell and Tim Russell of Waterbury Center, and Valor (Lorie) Russell

of Grangeville, ID.; one daughter, Teresa Russell of Ferndale, WA; one stepson, Larry (Lisa) Charland of Fairfax, VT; 20 grandchildren (Kim, Tanya, Jola, Zeb, Maegan, Cassie, Matt, Elliot, Lucas, Serena, Jonathon, Danielle, Abby, Elizabeth, Avery, Hailey, Nathan, Amanda, Shane, and Brianna) and 21 great-grandchildren. A special thank you to Amanda for all her help, care, and love she has given to her Grandmother.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; infant brother, Warner; ex-husbands Vern Russell and Lawrence Charland; and a sister, Lorraine Sarabia

#### Farewell Tribute Information

The family will host a memorial service this summer during a family reunion in Ferndale, WA. Donations Information

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Ferndale Senior Center, 1999 Cherry St, Ferndale, WA 98248; Whatcom Humane Society, 1661 Baker Creek Place, Bellingham, WA 98226; or a charity of choice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hook, So sorry to hear about your mom's passing She was a very special lady. you and her are in my prayers

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**Sue** - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Steve & Chris and families; Sorry to hear about your mom. I know she'll be missed by all. Joanne

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**Joanne** - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ To all the loving Sons, Family & Friends may I offer my sympathy in the painful loss of your dear Marie. She will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved her. Hopefully you will be comforted by the Bible Verses that follow: Rev21:4-5 **“AND HE WILL WIPE OUT EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES AND DEATH WILL BE NO MORE, THE FORMER THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY”**

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**Rita Perry** - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM