



## Norma E. Dawes

September 22, 1923 - August 2, 2012

Norma Elvera (Sakshaug) Dawes passed away from Lewy Body Dementia on August 2, 2012, at the home of her daughter. Norma was the second daughter of Ingvald and Gertrude Sakshaug; she was born in Bismarck, North Dakota on September 22, 1923. Her family moved to Whatcom County in 1928, where they built a home in the Northwood area. She graduated with honors from Lynden High School in 1941 and attended Wilsons Modern Business College in Seattle. During WWII, Norma worked at the Border Patrol in Lynden until the war was over when she married Robert Dawes on January 19, 1946. They have been married for 66 years and had 3 children, Barbara Baker of Mercer Island, Beverly Belka of Bellingham, and Robert M. Dawes of Ferndale.

Norma was active in her childrens lives. She was President of Columbia School PTA and leader of Bluebird, Camp Fire, and Cub Scout groups. When the kids were older, Norma worked part time at the Camp Fire Girls Office and then at Western Optical as a receptionist. She was active in the First Christian Church, square dancing, exercise classes, and PEO. Norma enjoyed volunteering at the Bellingham Senior Center, and taking trips to Disneyland with her grandchildren.

Norma is survived by her husband, children, a younger sister, Wilma Murray, a brother-in-law Gene Dawes, and a sister-in-law Alice Richards. She also

leaves behind 6 grandchildren: LeeAnn Baker Steding, Peter Baker, Sally Seitz, Mackenzie Belka, Rob Belka, Kaarin Dawes and 2 great-grandchildren Sam and Carolyne Steding. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 on Friday, August 10, at the First Christian Church (495 E. Bakerview). Memorials may be made to the church.

Moles Farewell Tributes

Greenacres Memorial Park

Farewell Tribute Information

Memorial Service Friday, August 10, 11 AM, First Christian Church, 495 E. Bakerview in Bellingham.

# Tribute Wall

VR

“ *Norma was one of the finest ladies I ever met. I remember in high school being envious of Barb and Bev for their wonderful parents and the way they opened their home to us all. I know that Norma will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Much love, Vicki*

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**Vicki (Hyde) Robinson** - August 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ *Dear Bev, We are sorry to hear about your Mom. We are sending warm wishes and hugs. We love you, Mary and Tim*

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**Mary and Tim Irvin** - August 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Dear Barb, Bev and family, I will miss your mom... a classy lady and sweet sole with a beautiful smile. I was in Barb's class of '64 and knew Bev (not far behind). After graduation I worked for NBofC/RainierBank where your mom brought in the deposits from the optical office. She was always so delightful to wait on. Later we would cross paths at Gretchen's, our mutual hair dresser. It was always a pleasure to visit with her and catch up on what the 'girls' were doing. Thinking of you with love, Carol Hinote Barbo*

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**Carol Hinote Barbo** - August 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Love You Grandma xoxo*

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**Robert Belka** - August 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM