



## Shirley Elizabeth Gardiner

October 24, 1922 - December 24, 2012

Shirley Elizabeth Gardiner

Shirley (Grandma Shirley) passed away at St Joseph Hospital on December 24th after a sudden onset illness. Shirley was born October 24, 1922 and grew up in Lowell, Massachusetts, daughter of Frank and Mary Agnes Webb. She had two brothers; Jackson and Chapin, and three sisters; Marjorie, June, and Beverly.

After completing high school, she attended beauty school in Boston. She had a hairdresser position at Fort Devins, MA where she met the love of her life, Bill Gardiner in 1946. She came to Washington State after receiving a special phone call and they were married in 1947, Daddy Bill passed away in 1979.

She is survived by her sisters June Callahan of Lowell and Beverly Begley of North Chelmsford, brother Frank Chapin Webb of Tyngsboro, MA and sons Allen (Barbara), Frank (Jean), Bill (Joan), Ron (Mardele). She adored and was very proud of each and every one of her 10 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren. Lowell Higley has been her best friend for many years.

She worked as a hairdresser in shops including the Pink Door and the Hair Do in Ferndale for many years. She loved to push the lawn mower, pick her apples and blueberries and tend her rose bushes. She always had a smile

and a compliment for everyone she met and she sure could tell a story!  
Shirley met her goal to celebrate her 90th birthday on October 24, 2012. She was a member of the United Church of Ferndale and firm in her faith.

#### Farewell Tribute Information

Please join us with your stories at her Celebration of Life on January 5, 2013 at 2:00 PM at The United Church of Ferndale. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The United Church. Donations Information

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# Tribute Wall

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“ There’s not one person in our family that doesn’t have a funny story to be told about Shirley. She was a joy to know and will missed. May the many memories you all have help ease the sadness in your hearts. Such a beautiful lady.

Rob and Patti Lovelace - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gardiner family. I was blessed to have to have had aunt Shirley in my life she was my seconded mother and I was her fifth son, she was so full of life and happy she would always brighten up your day. She will be greatly missed, Love you Aunt Shirley.

Callahan Family - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So sorry about your mother Al.. She was a beautiful lady and so full of life.. Arae and my thoughts and prayers are with you Barb and the kids..

Dennis Farmer - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Im so sorry for the loss of your dear mother. She had such a gentle and kind spirit about her. I remember visiting her with Frank. I met her sisters there also. She invited us to sit and eat some yummy ice cream and we sat and laughed aa she shared stories of the family she so loved. She will be missed.

Holly Wren - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The Gardiner Families,*

*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Shirley. What an amazing lady she was, she worked for me at Ferndale Hair-do and I still can see her drinking a cup of coffee and eating part of a choc. bar. The funny stories she could tell, May all the great memories help you at this difficult time.*

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**Nadine Gates** - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM