



## Viola Evelyn Mazza

November 16, 1914 - March 30, 2013

Viola Evelyn (Avery) Mazza, 98, of Bellingham, WA passed away in St Joseph Medical Center, Bellingham, on March 30, 2013. One of a family of six girls and three boys, she was born on November 16, 1914 in Lake Orion, Michigan to Ethel Maud Oakley Avery and Oliver Henry Avery. Her family moved to Pike, New York that same year. She married Albert Angelo Mazza on February 17, 1937 in Olean, New York and moved with her husband, an employee of the Mobil Oil Corporation, and with three children to Ferndale, Washington in 1954. She has lived in Whatcom county ever since.

She has, over the years, enjoyed horses, making jam, doing crossword puzzles, reading Western and Mystery stories and was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

She attributed her longevity to growing up in the country and taking care of family. Having lived through the Great Depression and several wars, she had the opportunity to witness phenomenal population growth and some of the most important changes and vital inventions in the world, including paved roads, TV, penicillin, insulin, the telephone, the Interstate Highway System, refrigeration, electricity, radio, automobiles, microwave ovens, advanced permanent waves, indoor plumbing, toilets and bathtubs, VCRs and DVD players, airplanes, satellites, computers and the moon landing.

She is preceded in death by her husband, who died in 1985. She is survived by her sisters, Catherine Scutella of Rochester, New York, Grace Bathurst of Fort Wayne, Indiana, daughter Barbara (Moser, Frank), sons Ronald and Michael (JoAnn), granddaughters Kerry, April and Sara, grandsons Mark and Steve, all of Whatcom County and grandson Gary of Tacoma, Washington. In addition, four great-grandsons survive her: Matthew, Dalton, Cody and Damien and a great, great granddaughter, Adrianna.

#### Farewell Tribute Information

A funeral tribute to honor Violas life will be held on Friday April 5, 2013 at Greenacres Memorial Park 5700 Northwest Drive Ferndale, WA. Donations Information

In lieu of flowers, a donation in Violas name may be made to the Whatcom Humane Society Animal Shelter, 3710 Williamson Way, Bellingham, WA 98226 or the American Heart Association, PO Box 742030, Los Angeles, CA 90074-2030.

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ All my best to Ronnie, Barb, Michael, and the rest of the family. Your mom, my aunt, was one very special lady. I didn't get to spend much time with her, given the distance, but I am grateful for any time I had with her. I enjoyed her “storytelling”—catching me up on family history. She had an interesting and enjoyable way of retelling things. May she rest in peace.....dear sweet Aunt Vi.

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**Barbara Bathurst** - March 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I will miss you so much How will I get by without your wise counsel? your warm smile? your loving heart? your earthy expressions? or your strawberry jam? Picnics Sunday breakfast Warm afternoons at the beach and family excursions will never be quite the same without you But life must go on So in the words of your favorite cowboy star “happy trails to you Until we meet again Happy trails to you Keep smiling until then”Love you Mom

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**Michael Mazza** - March 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I'm sad I didn't get to know Aunt Vi for I heard she was one sharp, very good lady. Our relationship was limited by distance to one or two yearly cards. But I am grieving with my Mother, nonetheless, who loved her sister, Vi, so very much. My sincere wishes to Ronnie, Barb, and all the family for comfort, healing, and in time, peace. I am praying for you all. Much love from Texas. And big Texas HUGS.

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**Anne Bathurst Click** - March 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Please accept my sympathy to the loving Family & Friends in the sad loss of your dear Viola. Hopefully you will be comforted by these Verses from the Bible: 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** - March 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM