



Violet A. Roberts Thiessen Schaffer

May 20, 1914 - August 7, 2012

Violet A. Schaffer, age 98, passed away on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at Shuksan Health Care Center in Bellingham. She was born in Abbotsford, British Columbia on May 20, 1914 to Dwight and Addie (Biggar) Rucker. She graduated with honors from Bellingham High School in 1930, and as an LPN from Bellingham Technical College in 1957.

Violet was a member of Calvary Temple almost all her life, where she served as a Sunday School teacher, choir member and elder. She enjoyed writing poetry, cooking, sewing and knitting. She will be remembered as a committed Christian wife, mother and friend.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Russell J. Roberts in 1953, Peter J. Thiessen in 1974 and Alexander L. Schaffer in 2004, her parents, two brothers, four sisters and one step-son. She is survived by daughters, Kathleen (Gary) Olsen, Karen Greenwalt and Rosalie (Ernest) Karjala; step-daughters June (Jim) Allison and Shirley (Robert) Hanson; step-sons Larry (Sandi) Schaffer and Calvin (Susan) Schaffer; brother-in-law James Roberts; sister-in-law Judy (Roberts) Urquhart; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

A visitation will be held Thursday, August 16th from 5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. and Friday, August 17th from 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. at Moles Farewell Tributes,

2465 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham. A graveside service will be held Friday, August 17th at 11:30 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery, 5977 Northwest Road, Ferndale, followed by a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. at Birchwood Presbyterian Church, 400 Meadowbrook Court, Bellingham, with Pastor Bud Lee officiating.

Violet's family is very grateful for the loving care she received for the last four years of her life at Shuksan Health Care Center. Memorials may be made to the Eden Fund at Shuksan, the Lighthouse Mission in Bellingham, or a charity of your choice.

Farewell Tribute Information

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Tribute Wall

LK

“ *I know how hard it is to lose a Loved One. May God Bless your family.*
Larry

Larry M. Karjala - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *To the Roberts Sisters, Sincere condolences in memory of a dear friend. Robert*

Robert - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Hello Beth, my name is Pam and I used to care for Violet at Merrill Gardens. She and I became very close through the years I worked there. My memories of her are ones of loving, positive energy between us. She became a good friend of mine. She even let me sleep in her room the night I couldn't get home because of a big snow storm. She told me lots of stories about her life and experiences she'd had. I loved her very much and I wanted to ask you if it would be ok if i came to the visitation? I am so sorry you lost her, but its only physical. She is with you in spirit and will always be with you, looking out for you, guiding you, and loving you. I lost my mom a few months ago, and I feel her around me frequently. Its terribly painful to lose your mom, believe me, I know that now. But I do believe our moms are much happier now, and are enjoying a much better, more comfortable existence being back home again. Please accept my deepest condolences. I have missed her and thought of her often. Sincerely, Pam*

Pam C. - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM