



Virginia Marie Crabtree

August 13, 1932 - March 10, 2017

Virginia Marie Crabtree of Lynden passed away on Friday, March 10, 2017 at Peace Health St. Joseph Hospital in Bellingham after a sudden medical crisis. She was 84.

Virginia was born on August 13, 1932 in Navy Yard City (Bremerton) to parents Isabel White and Walter Larson. She lived there until her parents divorced and her mother remarried. Her family moved to Lynden in 1947 where she lived the rest of her life. She graduated from Lynden High School in 1950. On November 15, 1950 she married Gene Crabtree and they raised 6 children on their farm on West Main Street, Lynden. Virginia and Gene enjoyed antiquing together with friends and were fortunate to be able to travel to Hawaii, Spain, Portugal and the Netherlands.

Virginia served many years on the board of directors of her condominium and the Lynden Senior Center. She served a term as the Lynden representative on the Whatcom Council on Aging. She was a member of Ferndale Tops Group 267 for 20 years, serving as their president and weight recorder. She also spent 20 years making quilts with the Quilt Makers group at the Lynden Senior Center.

Virginia enjoyed clam digging, fishing and camping. She loved sewing, knitting, basket-making, carving, and jewelry-making. She was a master

gardener and practiced organic gardening before it became popular. She was an excellent cook and an avid reader. She played bridge almost every week.

Virginia will be remembered for her calm demeanor, quick wit, and her sweet spirit.

Virginia is survived by her children Nikki Crabtree, Jeanne Crabtree (Bob Petersen), Cathy Crabtree, Dan Crabtree (Debbie), Jennifer Crabtree, Becky Crabtree; grandchildren Neal Koning, Lea Sadler (Justin Dahl), Rachel Weidkamp, (Clint), Ben Kleindel, Jonathan Crabtree (Melissa); great-grandchildren Rebecca, Christina and Levi Weidkamp, and Osiris Dahl; half-brothers Vic and Bill Larson; sister-in-law Lil Larson; niece Carrie Larson; several cousins in the Seattle area, and many nieces and nephews in Whatcom county.

She is predeceased by her husband Gene Crabtree, brother Richard Louis Larson and nephew Richard Larson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Virginia's memory to the Lynden Senior Center.

Memorial Services will be held Saturday, March 25 at 3 p.m. at the Lynden Senior Center, 401 Grover St. Lynden.

Tribute Wall

NK

“ *Grandma Crabtree always showed a genuine interest in our (her grandchildren, I'm speaking here for all of us) endeavors and gave unconditional love and support. I will always remember that about her. She is acutely and dearly missed.*

Neal Koning - March 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Our deepest sympathies for your loss. Virginia was one of those rare people with an ageless personality. Her sharp wit and generosity will be deeply missed. A grand lady.*

Jo dereske - March 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM