



Carmella W. Clements

January 29, 1930 - March 1, 2018

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On March 1, 2018, a heart of gold stopped beating and hardworking hands went to rest. Mom was born January 29, 1930 (Carmella Olden) in Toppenish, WA and resided there through her life. She earned the nickname of Muggins early in her life from her grandmother Rentschler. She loved to share the memories of chasing wild horses, learning the native language from her grandmother and spending time on the reservation harvesting the native roots, which she loved to teach to her children and grandchildren. She married the love of her life; James C. Clements on June 1, 1951 and together they made their home in Toppenish. After dad's death in 1993, mom stayed on the ranch for 10 years then moved to the Yakama Nation Foster Housing. Mom attended WSU for 2 years prior to marriage, and was a great artist and studied and played the piano with great talent. Memories of many evenings of piano music and singing enfolded the family through the years. Mom worked side by side with dad on the ranch, where you found one you found the other. She could also cook, we will miss those special recipes: no bake cookies and homemade biscuits. In 1961 she added a new project of Mink Ranching; which she did for 24 years while raising her family. Then she decided to sheep ranch, raising stock for her grandchildren for Jr. Stock shows. Dad, the cattle rancher, never found a fondness for mom's sheep. They kidded that dad wanted a football team but they got a baseball team; actually they got a great bunch of ranch hands. Mom was a mom to so many, the doors were never

locked, if you didn't have a home just come claim a bed, and so many took that opportunity. Those that knew her said her smile and happy attitude always made them feel so comfortable, but make her mad and you got the metal handle of the fly swatter. She loved to fish the Marion Drain or the catfish pond; that was her escape from a hard day. Sundays in the Mountains, Tepee Creek, Vessie Springs, Potato Hill, Mount Adams Lake, Klickitat or at the cabin is where the family bonded. Every grandchild got to walk the creek looking for arrowheads, she made it a great adventure. Her most precious gift were her children: Henry Clements (deceased), daughter in Law Karen Overacker, Joedy (Jim) Fernandez, Sue Boitano (deceased), Kay (Jose) Gutierrez, Kathy (Dave) Nickoloff, Bob (Marce) Clements, Jane (Mark) Bouchey, Jim Jr. (Amber) Clements and Jason (Opal) Clements. Grandchildren: Stacy Bort, Becky Donaldson, Kevin Clements (deceased) Melvin Stanton Jr., Jennifer Hudson, Brandon Clements (deceased) Tanya Leishman, Levi Stanton, Brianna Sullivan, Callie Sims, Kyle Clements, Josh Clements, Joe Fernandez, Jeanie Clements, Jacob Clements, Naomi Walker, Cody Nickoloff, Snowy Poolaw Clements, Jason Clements Jr., Rowdey Clements, Cheyenne Clements, Mikayla Clements. And her new joys of life 23 great grandkids. The words from one of her favorite piano songs says so much: From this valley they say you are going. We will miss your bright eyes and sweet smile. For they say you are taking the sunshine that has brightened our pathways awhile. But Mom remember the ones who have loved you so true. We are so happy you and dad are now together. Mom it is time to soar with the Great Spirit, we will be fine.

Per Mom's request there will be no services.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carmella W. Clements*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Angelina Justo sent a virtual gift in memory of Carmella W. Clements*



Angelina Justo - July 01, 2020 at 11:04 AM



Grandma Clements! The hardest working woman I knew! had the pleasures of growing up with this woman around me! my cousins Stacey Jennifer & Brandon were her grandkids! no matter what kind of weather, no matter what situation! this woman was a go getter! I remember the mink farm and had the pleasure helping feed these 1000 or more stinkin creatures not to mention skunks! yes skunks! Muggins had their stinkers removed so they couldnt spray us!! she also had a pet Magpie that I remember was learning to talk!! she was always there to greet us in the butt crack of dawn when we were pushing cattle over the hill! and there for us when all you could see was the flames of a camp fire after riding horseback from the butt crack of dawn! lol! you will be missed! but makes me happy knowing that you are once again next to Grandpa Clements Ranching the heavens!!!

Angelina Justo - July 01, 2020 at 11:15 AM

BB

“ So sorry to hear of her passing. The neighborhood is nearly empty now of the core neighbors. Our generation is now the new core. All of our parents worked so hard to raise the kids on the ranches. They worked hard, they taught us to work hard, now we will teach our kids the same. It's in the ranching roots. I'm sure there's a neighborhood gathering going on in heaven this spring.

Barbara Gamble Bailey - March 11, 2018 at 12:53 PM

AJ

“ Thank you for sharing your awesome mother and grandmother with my sons kory, windcloud & whirlwind. Will always remember her smiles and happiness and telling me how whirlwind would fall asleep while feeding the cattle. She was a great support and comfort during a tuff transition in our lives. My deepest prayers and respect to each of you. She's smiling now with big Him. Respectfully antonette names and sons.

Antonette M James - March 08, 2018 at 09:22 PM

AJ

Was saying Big Jim. And still antonette james..

Antonette M James - March 08, 2018 at 09:30 PM

IM

“ Idajo Pinkham Maltos ,tony Maltos&family lit a candle in memory of Carmella W. Clements



idajo pinkham maltos ,tony maltos&family - March 08, 2018 at 11:16 AM



“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home - March 07, 2018 at 11:29 AM