



Helen Louise Brandyberry

November 9, 1916 - May 9, 2014

Helen Louise (Massee) Brandyberry was born in Hoxie, Kansas on November 9, 1916 to Edmon and Anna (Herrmann) Massee and passed away on May 9, 2014 at the age of 97.

At a very young age the family moved to Hill City, Kansas where she spent the remainder of her childhood. At age 19, she and her family moved to Toppenish and married Eldon Brandyberry in 1936.

Survivors include two daughters, Enid (Larry) Nelson, Kay (Larry) Huylar, seven grandchildren: Jeff (Judy) Nelson, Gregg (Trish) Nelson, Amy Nelson, Steve (Paula) Huylar, Joanne Huylar, Ron (Wendy) Huylar, and Julie (Eric) Monteith, thirteen great-grandchildren: Jacob, Matthew, and Devyn Huylar, Travis Nelson, Rachel (Asa) Spencer, Bailey, Nick, and Allison Huylar, Samantha Nelson, Kate, Logan, and Karly Monteith, Will Larsen, and one great-great-grandson, C.J. She is also survived by sisters, Mildred Myers of Yakima, Leora Roesch of Denver, a special "sister in spirit", Lourene Vail of Alhambra, California, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Eldon, sister, Florence, and brother, Ed (Buddy) Massee.

Mom began working at a very young age and worked hard her entire life. She worked in hop and asparagus fields, canneries, private homes, and later in life

as a cook for the Toppenish School District and the Toppenish Nursing Home. After her official retirement she began her favorite career as a babysitter for her great grandchildren. They read books, went on long walks, played hide and seek, and went to the park—this was when she was in her eighties!

She was a good cook and a great baker. She made wonderful cinnamon rolls and pies (without a recipe), and at Christmastime made candy and hundreds of cream puffs for friends and family.

She had a deep and abiding faith in God which sustained her through difficult times. She had a long and full life but it is time for her to rest. We will all miss her.

The family suggests memorial gifts can be made to the Toppenish Calvary Bible Church.

Visitation will be on Wednesday May 14, 2014 from 2-6PM at Colonial Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at Calvary Bible Church in Toppenish on Thursday May 15, 2014 at 11AM with interment to follow at the Zillah City Cemetery. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

City of Zillah

(509) 829-5151

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Louise Brandyberry*

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