



Ruth Graber

August 8, 1915 - August 20, 2009

Ruth Graber (94) of Yakima passed on Thursday August 20, 2009 in Yakima. She was born in Seattle, WA on August 8, 1915 to Orlean and Hazel (Green) Weed. Her family moved to Wenatchee in 1917 where she graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1933. She attended Washington State College for two years and transferred to Central Washington College where she earned her teachers certificate in 1937. While in Ellensburg she was elected Homecoming Queen. She went to Wapato as a 2nd grade teacher and on June 19, 1938 she married Grant Graber in Malaga, WA. They had three sons, Gary, Jimmie, and Guy and made their home in Wapato for approximately 60 years. After getting her family started she went back to teaching and retired from the Toppenish school district in 1976. After retiring Grant and Ruth traveled extensively, spending winters in Arizona. She was a member of the Tillicum Club where she held many offices. She was a member of the Wapato Presbyterian Church where she was in the church choir for 55 consecutive years. When her children were young she organized and directed a youth choir that had 54 members. She is survived by her husband of 71 years, Grant Graber of Yakima; two sons, Gary (Peggy) Graber of Pasco and Guy (Trish) Graber of Othello; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be at 10AM Tuesday August 25, 2009 at the Reservation Community Memorial Park outside of Wapato. Friends may send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Graber*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Mrs. Graber was my 6th grade. We was a favorite of the students at Mt. Adams School, and we especially loved it when she would sing for us. She was a lovely woman, who truly loved and cared for her students.##imported-begin##CARRIE ANN STORY##imported-end##*

August 26, 2009 at 10:30 AM



“ *My sympathies to your family. I remember Ruthie so fondly. In my teens, she was my inspiration as I sang with her in the church choir. Her rendition of "O Holy Night" is a favorite Christmas memory. God bless you and comfort you in your loss.##imported-begin##Roz Heffner Strang##imported-end##*

August 24, 2009 at 12:12 AM



“ *With fond memories of earlier days in Wapato.##imported-begin##Tom Heuterman##imported-end##*

August 23, 2009 at 12:35 PM