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The Journey of My Life

It was beautiful as long as it lasted, the journey of my life.

I have no regrets whatsoever
save the pain I'll leave behind.

Those dear hearts who love and care...

and the strings pulling at the heart and soul...

The strong arms that held me up when my own strength let me down.

At every turning of my life I came across good friends, friends who stood by me even
when time raced by me.

Farewell, farewell my friend.

I smile and bid you goodbye.

No, shed no tears for I need them not.

All I need is your smile.

If you feel sad do think of me for that's what I'll like.

When you live in the hearts of those you love remember then, you never die.

-Rabindranath Tagore

Leona Velma Jean Merritt (Jean) passed away on June, 2nd 2020, 1:11 am at the age of 90. She passed away in Elma, Washington. Jean married at the age of 16 to her husband, Wesley Merritt (both from Oklahoma). Jean loved reminiscing about all the places both domestic and international that she and Wesley had lived and visited. Jeans favorite hobbies were rollerskating, dancing, and listening to country gospel music, and at the age of 90, she started playing the harmonica. They were married for 56 yrs when she lost her husband in 2001 to asbestos lung cancer. Jean is survived by her daughter Karen Balcombe and husband Robert Balcombe who had graciously taken the last 3yrs to take care of Jean in their home along with her granddaughter Misty Jean and husband George

Brown and grandson Wesley Merritt. Jean is survived by her niece Debbie Sue Moffitt-Madrid who called her and sent her letters in the mail, which made Jeans day. Jeans granddaughter Deanna Furman called and gave her grandma many smiles. A good friend Dywane visited her daily. They were there along this journey with Karen while Jean spread her wings and descended into heaven to be with her husband Wesley.

Furthermore, she is survived by additional family members, a daughter Martha and Gary Brown, son Lynn and Libby Merritt, and three other grand kids and great-grand kids. She proceeded in death as the last of the Tate children brother Coy Tate, Sister Dorothy Harkey, Sister Myrtle Berzanksy, and Sister Perline Merritt. There will be no funeral services conducted for Jean Merritt. Please share your happy memories in the guest book.

Till we meet again - Loving Wife, Mom, and Grandma

Comments



“ Rich and I both feel privileged to have known such a delightful lady. The closeness that you all had was so inspirational and I believe that she will always be with you in your wonderful memories and in your heart.
Hugs and love from us both.
Rich and Roz Nevitt

Rosalind Nevitt - July 30 at 01:14 AM



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Misty Jean Brown - July 30 at 01:00 AM



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Misty Jean Brown - July 30 at 12:26 AM



“ KAREN AND ROBERT, we are so sorry for the loss of your Mother. We enjoyed all the fun things you wrote about doing with her and your family. You have been so good to her and loved her so much. God bless you both for your love and kindness. We love you.
Larry and Judy Semanko

Larry and Judy Semanko - July 30 at 12:11 AM



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Karen Balcombe - July 29 at 11:55 PM

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Karen Balcombe - July 29 at 11:36 PM

“ so sorry for your loss May you find comfort together with the memories that you hold dear to your hearts. As it is said parting is such sweet sorrow but I say there's another day that's better and that Day is when we walk together right beside the LORD. Love to you all from a far away friend. Rev. Wanda Mae Shoap and family.



Wanda Shoap - July 29 at 11:27 PM

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“ Loved my Momma so very much she always had a smile that would brighten a room an warm the heart. Mom was not just my Momma but also my best friend she always listened and she mended scratched knees and broken hearts when I was young and watched over me when I had surgery always with compassion and her beautiful smile with a sparkle in her eyes. I feel so lost without her my heart hurts but she will be in my memories and heart daily till we meet again. In her last days she sang the song Jesus Loves me to Me and my daughter Mistyjean. Words can not even come close to describe the love I have for my Momma or the loss that I feel.
Karen Merritt Balcombe

Karen Merritt Balcombe - July 29 at 10:15 PM



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Karen Merritt Balcombe - July 29 at 09:56 PM