



Willette Holmes

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Funeral Service will be held, 11am, Saturday, July 28th at Sunset Park Community Church for Billie Holmes who passed away in St. Helens on July 23rd, she was 93 years old.

Willette Erma was born October 5, 1918 in Portland to Evan and Agnes Edwards the younger of two daughters.

Raised in St. Helens she attended elementary school and graduated from Roosevelt High School in Portland.

On January 31st of 1936 she married Gail Smith, her husband was killed in action serving the United States Navy during WWII. Later she married Russell Daniel Holmes on March 22, 1941 in Vancouver, Washington, they lived in Warren most of their lives together, he predeceased her in 1994.

Billie worked at the local JC Penny's in her early married years as well as a soda jerk at DoRay Café where she met Russell. During the war Billie went to work in the Portland Shipyards running a cutting torch building the Liberty Ships. In 1963 she went to work at Sunset Park Church of God and for the next 30 years she worked as the church secretary and also was a Bible study teacher for adults.

Russ and Billie enjoyed life together traveling, camping, going on walks, and tending her flower garden.

Billie is survived by her children and spouses; Barbara Gail Adkins Larry of Madras, Daniel Holmes Teresa of Warren, 8 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild, and nephew Dick Greenslade.



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Predeceased by her son David S. Smith and
Sister Marion Wise.

Committal at Bethany Memorial Cemetery.

On-line condolences can be made to the family at; www.columbiafh.com.

Columbia Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
503-397-1154



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Joanne Lammers posted:

A beautiful lady. A day doesn't go by that I don't think about her. I miss her soft words, her kind touch and her contagious smile. A dear woman that I will always miss, but look forward to seeing in heaven. Much love, Joanne Lammers

May 26 at 1:14 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Billie's Passing. She was such a wonderful woman. I was lucky enough to take a Bible study class with her once a week. She was such an encourager and a great mentor. I loved her very much and will miss her.##imported-begin##Lynetta Kirsch##imported-end##

July 27 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Billie was such a warming and caring person, I remember growing up near Billie and Russell and how nice they always were to all the neighborhood kids, always let us pick off the Grape Arbor when we rode our bikes or walked past their home. Always willing to share stories of the old days. My thoughts and prayers are with Danny, Teresa and families! God Bless - Terri Stockdale Russell##imported-begin##Terri Russell##imported-end##

July 24 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry to see that Billie has passed away. She and Russell used to come into Burgerville and have coffee and muffins. And when Russell couldn't move around as well, Billie would come in get the coffee and muffin and they would sit in the parking lot and enjoy it. She was a wonderful lady...##imported-begin##Kathy Ashley##imported-end##

July 23 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Billie's passing. She was such a wonderful lady. Her passing will be such a loss for everyone. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.##imported-begin##Cindy Hudson Hinshaw##imported-end##

July 22 at 5:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I remember them coming and picking up my sisters and I as we loved church. If Russel and Billie didn't get us the Burton's did. I love that church. Now she is in heaven and singing with God every day. She will be so missed.##imported-begin##Trina Fournier Edwards##imported-end##

July 22 at 5:00 PM



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Join us in honoring Willette by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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