



Bertha Mary Sherlock

February 16, 1925 - January 18, 2021

Bertha Mary Waine Sherlock, 95, passed away on January 18, 2021 in Portland, OR due to heart disease.

Bertha was born on February 16, 1925 in Hanna, Alberta. She was the second of four children of Louis and Valletta (Wagner) Waine.

She grew up in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and trained as a nurse at Holy Cross School of Nursing in Calgary, Alberta. In December, 1946, she graduated and moved to St. Helens, OR to join her parents who had immigrated to the USA earlier in the year. She found work as a nurse at the old St. Helens hospital.

Bertha married Willard Robert "Bob" Sherlock on January 27, 1948. They raised their family in St. Helens, surrounded by grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Vacations were often spent in Seaside, OR. In her younger days, Bertha and her parents rode the train to the coast. As the extended family grew, the Waine siblings would rent a row of cabins to enjoy time at the coast together. Bob and Bertha eventually purchased a beach house of their own, and it became the site of many wonderful family memories. The Sherlock brothers also purchased beach homes and took turns hosting family dinners when they were all in town.

Bertha was a loving and devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her surviving family members have shared many fond memories of time spent with her. She helped her sons deliver newspapers when they were under the weather. She was known to keep a crystal dish of candy in her living room as "energy food" for her grandchildren. Even though she wasn't a horror film fan, she watched a scary movie with her grandchildren, just to spend time with them. Her family raved over her "Grandma" bacon and roast beef dinners.

Bertha was active in her community, volunteering at St. Frederic's Church and school, singing in the choir, serving as an election worker, and delivering Meals on Wheels.

Throughout her years, she continued her role as a nurse in an unofficial capacity, administering injectable medications to, and checking in on neighbors and tending to her children's scrapes and ailments. Her husband was an active Elks club member, and they both enjoyed social outings at the club.

She took the oath to become a U.S. citizen on May 28, 1964 and always remembered it as one of her happiest days.

Bertha was clever and witty, always ready with a quip. "I'm in pretty good shape for the shape I'm in," she'd reply to queries of her general well-being. She enjoyed dressing up to celebrate life - no special occasion needed. The guests at her 89th birthday party were particularly delighted when she entered the Village Inn restaurant wearing a "deviled egg" costume, complete with forked tail.

An avid puzzle solver, she did daily crosswords and faithfully tuned in to Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. At family gatherings, Bertha and her siblings could often be found bidding and bickering around the pinochle table.

Bertha was preceded in death by her husband (Bob), siblings (Vera, Pat, Bobby), and twin daughters (Mary, Linda). She is survived by her children Richard (Dianne) Sherlock, Robert Sherlock (Susan Patrick), Ann (Bob) Wunsch, Joan (Dwight) Schwappe; grandchildren (Renee, Vanessa, Clay, Adrienne, Michelle, John, Sarah, Josiah); great-grandchildren (Carys, Gabrielle, Conlan, Hannah, Emma, Ella, Max, Miles, Peter, Henry); great-great grandchild (Kallen); cousin Arthur Wagner; and dozens of nieces and nephews.

A private family interment will be held. Inquiries and comments may be directed to Columbia Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to Columbia County Meals on Wheels.

Cemetery

Columbia Memorial Gardens

54490 Columbia River Hwy.

Scappoose, OR, 97056

Comments



“ A wonderful and sweet lady. A kind soul with a beautiful heart. She always brighten up my day. Richard and Robert were lucky to have her.

Cliff O'Neal - February 09 at 12:47 AM



“ Family picnic

Michelle Fenske - February 03 at 04:37 PM



“ This is the deviled egg costume mentioned in the obituary

Michelle Fenske - February 03 at 04:34 PM



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Ann Wunsch - February 03 at 02:03 AM



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Ann Wunsch - February 03 at 01:55 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. Bertha always treated me like a member of the family, when I was actually a shirt tail relation. She helped feed my idea that everyone had dozens of aunts and uncles as well as 10 or 12 Grandmothers. Fond memories.
Matt (Buz) Reilly

Matt Reilly - February 01 at 05:55 PM



“ Thank you so much Matt! We feel the same way about your parents!

Ann Wunsch - February 02 at 12:21 PM



“ Matt (Buz), Thank you for sending the beautiful bouquet of flowers!

Adrienne Sherlock - February 24 at 01:36 PM



“ Matt(Buz)Reilly purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Bertha Mary Sherlock.



Matt(Buz)Reilly - February 01 at 05:46 PM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Bertha Mary Sherlock.



January 30 at 07:57 PM



“ 3 generations s Sarah, Ann, Bertha



Ann Wunsch - January 30 at 12:56 PM



“ My fondest memories of Auntie Bertha all include laughter! My most favorite was in her beach house at the dinner table Papa (her brother Pat) asked her to pass a roll. She stood up, grabbed a roll and through it to him at the other end of the table. Nana (Pat's wife and well known table manner minder) just stuttered then informed us only they could get away with that. Auntie Berth countered with, it is my house, my rules....we did get away with a few things but never pushed to far, you still had to ride home with Nana! Auntie Bertha will be missed.

Betsy stephens - January 28 at 09:26 PM



“ So sorry to hear. Bertha was such an interesting lady. I always enjoyed he. Love and good wishes to her family. Fondly, Tesse Burr

Tesse Burr - January 27 at 05:33 PM



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Marianne Anderson - January 27 at 04:36 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bertha Mary Sherlock.



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Marianne Anderson - January 27 at 11:36 AM



“ Thanks Marianne! I love this photo of the sisters!

Ann M Wunsch - January 27 at 12:56 PM



“ it reminded me of the two of them but also all the fun family events that they made happen!!

Marianne Anderson - January 27 at 02:05 PM



“ I have so many memories of Auntie Bertha! She was a model of family unity and made each occasion special with her caring for others and her funny antics and phrases. Watching she and my mom (Vera) be playful, sing songs and generally be fun and silly was always a great moment. I especially remember Bert taking such good care of Grandma Waine, helping her care for Muddy and Papa, and then helping "Aleta" as she grew older. An angel indeed.

Sending best wishes to the immediate family. Hugs and lots of love....

Marianne Anderson - January 27 at 11:34 AM



“ Marianne Anderson lit a candle in memory of Bertha Mary Sherlock



Marianne Anderson - January 27 at 11:25 AM



“ Kathy Cooper Ashley lit a candle in memory of Bertha Mary Sherlock



Kathy Cooper Ashley - January 26 at 07:02 PM



“ Thank you Kathy.

Ann - February 21 at 05:54 PM



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