



Bettie Lavon Christie

November 15, 1927 - April 24, 2017

November 15, 1927 ~ April 24, 2017 Bettie Christie passed away surrounded by her family on April 24. She was born on November 15, 1927; the eldest daughter of Earl and Frankie (Sharp) Bonnett. After her mother, Frankie, died when Bettie was young, her father married Birdie Yeager whom Bettie considered to be her mother. Bettie married Shirley Amos Christie on June 21st, 1944 in Troy, Kansas. They moved to Portland, OR in 1948, then to Vancouver, WA in 1968, and finally settled in Battle Ground, WA in 1975. They had four children, Shirley (Leon) Fagin, Robert Earl (deceased), Diana (Earl) Bliss, and Ronda (Ted) Schelvan; and were foster parents to thirty-seven children over the years. Bettie and Amos were married for 67 years before he passed away in 2012. Bettie took great pride being a homemaker. Crafting, gardening, and cooking were some of the things Bettie enjoyed. She was known for her canning (of many things), her delicious fried chicken, making her applesauce fruitcake at Christmastime, and her flower gardens were a sight to behold. When you'd visit Bettie at the "big red barn" you could usually find her sitting in her chair next to the fireplace either reading the paper or listening to her many classic country records while drinking her numerous cups of coffee always with an ice cube. Bettie is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law; thirteen grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; ten great-great-grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Lorraine Christie of Union Star, MO; numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Amos; son, Robert Earl; son-in-law, Clyde Frakes; son-in-law,

Ted Schelvan; grandson, Torrie Bliss; her parents; and four sisters. Funeral services will take place at 10a.m. on Saturday, April 29th, at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Friday, April 28th from noon until 9p.m. Please sign Bettie's Guest Book at www.columbian.com/obits

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“ *Thinking of all of you and remembering all the great times we had together. We loved Aunt Bettie so much. She always made the best iced tea when we came to visit. I remember her and mom sitting at the kitchen table pitting cherries, and they didn't stop until they pitted every last one. She was always busy doing something. I am so glad we were able to come visit her last summer. We are going to miss her greatly, but now she is back with the gang and I know there is a party going on. We have so many beautiful memories of her that we will always cherish. Love you all so much!!!*

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