



## Helen Fanshier Free

December 19, 1917 - November 27, 2012

HELEN FANSHIER FREE December 19, 1917 ~ November 27, 2012 Helen Fanshier Free, 94, of Vancouver, WA, passed away on Nov. 27, 2012. She was born in Baker, OR on Dec. 19, 1917 to Harland L. and Bertha Graham Fanshier. Helen was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and a 1935 graduate from Baker High School. During World War II, she worked in the canneries and shipyard while her husband, Vincent M. Free, was in the service. They moved back to Vancouver in 1949, they were married 34 years. Helen was on the sewing line at Jantzen for 28 years. She was an avid reader and made miniature Christmas trees, selling them at local Christmas Bazaars. Helen took great pleasure from her trips to United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, France, Alaskan and Mediterranean cruises and Canada and Hawaii. She enjoyed being a lifetime member and officer of the Silver Light and Martha Washington Eastern Star Chapters. Helen is survived by her much loved daughters, Sharen Bourassa (Clint) and Leslie Fisk (Glynn), Janice Kalczysnki was her "third" daughter; three grandchildren, Lynda, Jacob, and Corrine Bunker; one step-granddaughter, Yvonne Rouillard (Jamie); and three great-grandsons, Brandon, Jesse, and Deacon. In England, step-great-granddaughter, Kyra; and three great-great-grandchildren. She loved her many nieces and nephews. Visits from her granddog, Sarge, filled her heart with much joy. A special thank you to Tez Alula's family for care, friendship, love, and her enjoying their children. She was preceded in death by her parents; her two brothers, Marvin and Vernon

Fanshier and their wives, who she loved and missed terribly. Services will be at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Wed., Dec. 5, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. Visitation will be Tues., Dec. 4, 2012, noon to 9:00 p.m. Helen will be buried at Mount Hope Cemetery in Baker City, OR. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations be made to The American Heart Association .

# Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 03:40 PM

KY

“ Today we all say goodbye to a precious lady a amazing mom grandma aunt nana and friend there's so many things I wish I could say to you and just have one last hug I miss you nana with all my heart you will always be the best nana I could have asked for R.I.P nana helen I love you

kyra - December 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Good bye Aunt Helen, you were such an important part of my life and memories. So many great times. Thank you for being part of my life.

Craig Fanshier - December 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JI

“ Aunt Helen was always positive and uplifting. It was a joy to be around her.

Jim - November 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dear Leslie and family, we are thinking about you, and so very sorry at the loss of your mom. Love, Bob, Paula, Erin, Chris and Kim

Paula Fanshier - November 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dear Sharen, Clint and family, we are very sad to hear of Aunt Helen's passing. She was a sweet, wonderful lady. I will always remember how she welcomed me into your fold. The Christmas parties were so much fun, with the matching sweatshirts and exchanging cookies, and the different holiday meals and get togethers. Helen always had wonderful stories to share. Love, Paula and Bob, Erin, Chris and Kim

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**Paula Fanshier** - November 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM