



Lela Natalie Mc Lachlan

December 18, 1923 - November 19, 2009

Lela McLachlan was born to Lawrence and Lillian Thornton on December 18, 1923 and "phased on over to glory" on November 19, 2009. She was born in Clarksdale, Missouri and relocated to Vancouver, WA as a young woman where she met her sweetheart Melvin McLachlan. They were married Christmas Eve 1945 and celebrated 52 years together before Dad's passing in 1998. Our mom was a prayer warrior and ministered encouragement and hope to many friends. She was an amazing hostess and had a special gift for making pies. Her family and friends often received these as tokens of her love. She loved playing pinochle with family and friends and enjoyed canning. Mom is survived by her four children, Vicki Alexander (Wriston), Denny McLachlan (Mary Ann), Gary McLachlan (Randi) and Cheryl Trendera (John); 9 grandchildren, Trina, Dana, Melanie, Tami, Alissa, Jeremy, Brian, Brenna and Justin; 18 great-grandchildren (her dolls); brother, Glen Thornton (Nancy); brothers-in-law, Marvin McLachlan and Dan Walker; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

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“ *Condolences to Lela's family and friends. I have never seen an older woman who had so much energy and good health as Lela. She was always walking around the neighborhood and visiting and if the weather was too bad she would drive to the mall and walk indoors. She shared her lovely and delicious pies with us and the neighbors during the different seasons which was very kind of her. I know it took her alot of time to make those pies and they had alot of love in them. She was very devoted to the church and lived her life a dedicated Christian. She also was kind to others by driving them to church when they had no way there. The neighborhood will miss seeing her zipping down the street to church service. And when strawberry, cherrie and apple seasons roll around we will certainly miss that cheery smile and a hand reaching out to give us a delicious pie. Lela wasn't afraid to pass on to a beautiful afterlife. God Bless You Lela. Kathy and Rick Madden and Families*

Rick and Kathy Madden and Family - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM