



Melba Irene Mattson

February 8, 1918 - August 21, 2010

Melba I. (Thogerson) Mattson A descendent of early settlers who came west over the Oregon Trail from Nebraska in the late 1800s, Melba Mattson was born on February 8, 1918 in Moro, OR. She grew up in Sherman county and moved to Hockinson, Washington for her senior year, graduating from Battle Ground High School in 1936. In 1937 Melba married John E. Mattson and together they enjoyed raising three children, going on family camping trips, square dancing, deer hunting, and card games. They lived in several locations throughout the Portland Metropolitan area. All of their family, as well as many close and special friends, filled their lives with happiness. Melba provided loving care for John during the 25 years he was disabled, always preserving his dignity and independence. Following John's death in 1996, Melba continued to be an inspiration. Always smiling, she loved meeting new people, gardening, cooking, playing bridge, traveling and staying close to her beloved family. Melba passed away peacefully on August 21, 2010. She is survived by three children: Bonna Smith (married to Michael Smith), John W. Mattson and Susan Delaney, sister-in-law Betty Barner, cousin Arnold Thogerson, 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Melba will be buried with John at Willamette National Cemetery. A memorial service will be held to celebrate Melba's life on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010 at 2 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 12755 NW Dogwood St., Portland, OR 97229. Refreshments will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Melba's name may be made to the United Methodist

Committee on Relief (UMCOR), or to Camp and Retreat Ministries, in care of
Christ United Methodist Church, 12755 NW Dogwood St, Portland, OR 97229.