



Rosemary Ellen Smelser

January 11, 1930 - April 11, 2019

~ In Loving Memory ~

Rosemary Ellen "Gibson" Smelser passed away peacefully on April 11, 2019 in Shelton, WA. She was 89 years old.

She is survived by her daughters, Sandra (Wayne) Scherr and Pamela Hess. Sons, K. Duane (Marsha) Lorentz, and Michael Smelser all of Vancouver, WA. A stepson David G. Smelser of Brookings, OR. One grandson, two granddaughters and two step granddaughters. Three great grandchildren and three step great grandchildren. Several nieces and nephews and her significant other of the past 20 years Cecil M. Wiswell of Shelton, WA.

Rosemary was born on January 11, 1930 to Joseph and Ethel Gibson in Vancouver, WA where she resided most of her life. She was preceded in death by her parents. Her sister Eleanor Gablehouse, brothers, Wilbur, Robert, Dean and Donald Gibson.

Her husband of 27 years David H. Smelser.

She grew up in Clark County in the Hazel Dell area and was the youngest of six children. She attended Vancouver Public Schools was active in sports and graduated from Vancouver High School in 1948.

Rosemary was devoted and dedicated to her family. Even with the adversities of life, her "steadfast spirit" never wavered she kept a positive outlook, she was role model for many. A contented soul, that loved to garden and create ?

In her golden years she and Cecil resided in Shelton, WA they enjoyed their life together and traveled. They went on many motorcycle runs and attended events. At the age of 71 she was awarded the oldest "co-rider" award at the Washington Governor's Run in 2001. Rosemary truly was a bright light to all that new her and the "life of the party"... She enjoyed her puzzle books and could be entertained for hours saying it kept her brain active.

There are numerous stories to tell and memories to share ~ she will be missed by all those who loved her ?

There will be a Private Graveside Service held on June 11, 2019 at 12 pm
With a "Celebration of Life" from 1-2 pm in the Hospitality Room at
Evergreen Memorial Gardens Funeral Chapel
1101 NE 112th Ave. Vancouver, WA 98684

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ Her and my mom JoAn were pretty good buddies, they always had fun together no matter what they were doing. I will miss Rosemary, she was a beautiful person inside and out. She will be greatly missed by all that knows her. Love you Rosemary.

Darina Fuller - May 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ I knew Rosemary as " Rosie " - She always made me laugh and usually at oddball things and not always what other people would consider funny - I do remember one afternoon in Sandy's kitchen Rosie giving Sandy and me a tutorial on the proper way to butter our toast and the use of the butter knife - it went like this " always wipe the crumbs off the knife before dipping back in to the butter dish - Never leave crumbs in the butter dish " ! - I still live by her rule as do my kids and grandkids - Thanks Rosie for keeping us from becoming total Crumb Heathens , we are Not a Crummy Bunch thanks to your lesson - Wherever you are keep up the good work - The good ones are never truly gone their memory is for life - Myrna Nowotny Vancouver WA



Myrna Nowotny - April 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“*Rosemary was a dear and loving friend. I did not always have to blessing of seeing her through the years but her wisdom and kindness carried me thru some very difficult times in my life. I will always remember her guiding wisdom, her kind spirit, her strength in adversity and her wonderful sense of humor. Somehow she could get to the heart of a problem and solve it in simple uncomplicated ways with little effort. She lived life in her terms and inspired all who knew her. I feel so blessed to have been even small part of her life's story. She will forever be remembered.*”

Pamela Wilson - April 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM