

## Jessie Arrington - Obituary

Jessie Glendora Arrington was called home to the Lord on Friday, December 2, 2001. She was 87 years old.

Born April 14, 1914, at Agate, Washington, she was the ninth child of Joseph Greenbury and Martha Matilda Arrington, who had come to Lewis County in 1904 from Waynesville, North Carolina.

The family moved to Pe Ell in 1920, having previously lived in Walville, Reynolds and McCormick. In 1922, Jessie returned to Agate to stay with an older sister and finish in eighth grade. Because of sickness, she didn't go on to school when she came back to Pe Ell.

Jessie gave her heart to the Lord at the age of ten. She was a member of the Assembly of God church in Pe Ell, and served as the secretary/treasurer of Sunday School for 42 years.

In 1943, Jessie began working as a clerk at the Pe Ell post office. She worked there for 33 years, retiring in 1976. She also volunteered at the Pe Ell thrift shop.

Jessie lived in Pe Ell with her sister, Cordie. They loved each other very much and often went on trips. Cordie enjoyed working outside with the flowers, but Jessie liked housework. After Cordie's death, Jessie remained in Pe Ell for ten years, before moving to Woodland Estates Retirement Community in 1995.

In June 2001, Jessie moved into Chehalis West assisted living and eventually to Liberty Country Place, after several brief stays in the hospital.

Though never married, Jessie had many "children," consisting of nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces and nephews. She loved children and family. She also enjoyed her friends in Pe Ell and at Woodland Estates.

Some of her favorite things included reading, attending football and basketball games and community concerts and events, and learning to ride a bike when she was over 50 years old. She also enjoyed attending the annual family reunion at Rainbow Falls State Park.

Survivors include her sister, Betty Arrington of Chehalis, and numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. Jessie was preceded in death by her parents, five sisters and four brothers.

Prior arrangements were made under the direction of Brown Mortuary in Chehalis for immediate internment at Claquato Cemetery, Chehalis.

At Jessie's request, a remembrance will be held at the Arrington Family Picnic, July 19, 20 and 21, with a potluck dinner on Sunday, July 21, at Rainbow Falls' group camp. All are invited to attend and share their memories of Jessie.