

Betty Arrington 1921-2004



Elizabeth Mae “Betty” Arrington, a longtime Chehalis resident, passed away August 11, 2004. She was 83 years old.

Betty was born May 16, 1921, in Pe Ell, Wash., the youngest child of Joseph and Martha Matilda Arrington. She attended school in Pe Ell through the eighth grade.

She married Louis Eugene Wilson on May 9, 1939, in Centralia. They made their home in Seattle, Oak Harbor, Pe Ell, and eventually settled in Chehalis. The two had five children before their divorce in 1977.

Aside from being a homemaker, Betty worked at the infirmary in McCormick and in several restaurants. She remained in Chehalis the rest of her life, except for a brief move to Olympia in 1994.

Among family and friends, Betty was the happiest. She enjoyed the kids, corresponding with relatives and visiting for hours on end, especially at the annual family reunion.

Survivors include her children: Judy Bear, Olympia; Ruby Young, Coffman Cove, Alaska; Phil Wilson, Winlock; Jennifer Price and Sandi West, both of Chehalis; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, six sisters and four brothers.

Arrangements are under the direction of American Burial and Cremation Services, with inurement at Claquato Cemetery, Chehalis.