



Betty Jean Torrence

February 28, 1930 - December 29, 2023

Betty Jean Torrence, 93, of Omak, Wa., passed away peacefully at Regency Omak Nursing Center on December 29. She was surrounded by family.

Born in Wenatchee, Wa. on February 28, 1930, to Willis and Irene Davisson, she was the second oldest of six children and the only girl. Betty spent her childhood living in Wenatchee, Grand Coulee, and a few other places before the family settled in Omak. Growing up, she learned the value of hard work from her parents and began waitressing at the Bus Depot Café in Omak. This is where she met her future husband, Harold Torrence. They shared the love of adventure and living life fully. Harold and Betty were married on October 8, 1947, and welcomed two children, Harold Jr. "Butch" and Gloria Jean. Betty was a loving mother who cared deeply for her family and always put them first.

Harold and Betty would enjoy camping and fishing with their family and friends, creating lasting memories of these special times. In retirement, they began traveling, visiting Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji, and spending a great deal of time in their RV, visiting cousins in Canada, and traveling throughout the western United States. They started spending winters in Yuma, Arizona, until Harold's passing in 1992. After Harold's passing, she still made her annual journey to Yuma and kept in touch with the friends they had both made at the park. In 2001, she connected with Manley Martinson, a longtime

friend. Their companionship brought them happiness and comfort as they embarked on numerous adventures and spent time with loved ones.

Betty loved "snowbirding" and passed that love on to her daughter and son-in-law, who began to travel with her until her health declined. After returning to Omak, Betty moved into Welcome Home Villa, where she quickly became good friends with another resident named Theda. These two became inseparable and were lucky enough to become roommates at Regency Omak, Betty's final residence.

Betty is survived by her daughter Gloria (Gene) Copenspire; brother Alvin (Janis) Davisson; special friend Manley Martinson, granddaughter Tina Gadeberg; grandsons Michael Copenspire and Shawn Torrence; great-grandsons Max and Fisher Gadeberg and great-granddaughters Cienna Briggs and Shay Torrence. She is also survived by sister-in-law Pat Davisson, many cousins, nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Willis and Irene Davisson; her husband, Harold Torrence; her son, Harold Jr. "Butch" Torrence, and brothers, Virgil, Lloyd, John, and Wayne Davisson. Betty will always be remembered for her sense of humor, sassy wit, and devotion to her family and friends. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege to know her. The family would like to thank the hard-working staff, caregivers, and nurses at Regency Omak and Welcome Home Villa for the loving care she received up until her passing.

Her service will be held at River Valley Funeral Home at 2547 Elmway St. Okanogan on January 12 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

River Valley Funeral
2547 ELMWAY
OKANOGAN, 98840-9629

Tribute Wall

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“ I'm hoping Gloria will see this. Your mom was one of my favorite people in the world! She was one of the kindest lady. I used to think of her as my aunt. I spent many a day with her as a little girl. Fond, fond memories. I am sad.



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She was a wonderful aunt. Always so kind, when I used to roam around the farm with Butch.

Reggie McFarland - January 03, 2024 at 06:51 PM