



Edith Ward May 29, 1929 - March 7, 2022

Edith Ward, long time Rupert resident passed in her sleep on March 7, 2022 just two months short of her 93rd birthday.

Although Edith, known as Mae to her family, has been living in Wendell since the passing of her husband Harold in 2008 she considered her home to be their farm near Norland and not a day went by that she didn't miss being there.

Edith was born in Parma, Idaho and grew up with four younger brothers near Jordan Valley.

She met her husband Harold while working at Simplot's Packing in Caldwell. They married after Harold returned from his Army service in Korea. They spent 46 years together where Edith worked beside her husband farming and milking cows on the farm Harold drew in the desert land grant in 1954. The couple raised their two children on the farm in Rupert and remained there until Harold passed away and the family decided it was better for Edith to be closer to town. Edith was less than enthusiastic about that decision and reminded her family of it often.

When in her 80s , Edith spent many hours remembering her life and "writing her memoirs". Turns out she was quite the spirited rebel in her younger years. She and her best friend her cousin Wanda were often up to some shenanigan.

Edith had many hobbies throughout her life. She was a seamstress, a quilter, a sculptor, a taxidermist. She also enjoyed silk embroidery and trapshooting. She always had some project going.

Edith always said she was going to live to be 100 but that plan was not to be. She missed her husband greatly and is now again at his side.

Edith was preceded in death by her husband and three of her four younger brothers.

She is survived by her children Earl Ward of Hammett, Deann (Scott) Shillington of Hayden, grand children Hayley (Drew) Hanson Spokane Valley, WA and Keagan (Carlie) Shillington of Post Falls. She is also survived by her youngest brother Jack of Whitebird, Idaho.

Graveside services will be held 11 AM Monday, March 14th at the Wendell cemetery. There will be a celebration of life sometime this summer. In lieu of flowers donations to Visions Hospice/Home Health Care are greatly appreciated.