



Velma Jean Mote

January 18, 1934 - November 21, 2020

Velma passed away peacefully on November 21, 2020. She was preceded in death by her parents Elbert & Sarah Buckingham and sister Janet Paris all of Roseburg, Oregon. She is survived by daughters Christi Jansen (Bruce) of Roseburg, Oregon; Pamela Brown (Nels), Sarah Hill (Kevin) of Carson City, Nevada; and son Hugh (Jeffrey) Fretwell (Donna Bergstrom) of Merlin, Oregon; grandchildren Heather Boerste of Chicago, Illinois; Michael Boerste (Laura) as well as their children Megan, Abigail and Adley all of Rockville, Maryland; and Andrew Hill of Reno, Nevada.

She was born in Portland, Oregon and as a young child, lived in North Bend, her family then moved to Roseburg, where her father Elbert (Buck) Buckingham operated Fullerton Drug Store and her mother was active in the community as well as the Catholic Church. She enjoyed fishing and camping with her father on the North Umpqua River. She graduated from Roseburg High in 1952 then attended Oregon State University before marrying Hugh Fretwell in 1953. Together they raised their four children in Roseburg.

In 1967 she married JR Mote, became stepmother to his three children, Pam Mote-Pritchett, Star Wolfgang and Barry Mote (Dianna), all of Oregon. The combined family enjoyed big loud dinners, camping, motorcycles, and football. She and JR often traveled to Northern Nevada on vacation and then she moved to Carson City in 1980.

Velma worked in a variety of positions for many years in the Roseburg Oregon Bi-Mart, when she moved to Nevada she went to work for the State of Nevada as an Accounting Clerk in several departments before retiring in 1999.

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