



## Dorothy Rae Lewis

March 13, 1916 - July 16, 2016

Dorothy Rae Baumgardner - Kimball - Lewis, passed away July 16, 2016 comfortably in her home with Family at her side.

Dorothy was born Friday, March 13, 1916 at the Baumgardner Ranch on Dyer Hill, 3 miles due east of Wells Dam.

Dorothy's Dad did the delivery himself. Bert delivered 3 of the 6 girls born at the Baumgardner Ranch Home, and became proficient at the task.

Dorothy attended White Swan School 2 miles from her home, which she walked to and from with her sisters.

In 1929, 1930 and 1931 Dorothy was in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades, while the Great Depression was going on. During that time, Dorothy received Perfect Attendance Awards for never being absent, tardy or late. In the 8th Grade, Dorothy's teacher was Lilly Brandt, whom later married Grady Auvil of Orondo.

Dorothy went to work immediately after school near her home at Crane's Orchard. While working there, Dorothy met her first husband, Ivan Kimball, whose parents homesteaded a small orchard across the river from Pateros, upstream about 1 mile on the Douglas County side of the Columbia River.

Ivan Kimball married Dorothy Baumgardner November 13, 1933. They had 5 children: Delores (deceased), Ivan Jr. (Michon) Kimball, Darlene (Stanley) Sheets, Naomi Griggs, and Carol (Joe) Woodbury. Dorothy had numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Dorothy worked hard her entire life. Dorothy became the owner of the Kimball homestead orchard in 1948.

July 29, 1949, Dorothy married Kenny Lewis, and together through hard work and endurance, they developed the fruit tree orchard into a modern, successful business, seeing many improvements such as aerial spray application, rotary mowers, chemical control, piped irrigation vs. the old ditch irrigation, then hand lines into drag lines, and finally, drag lines into permanent irrigation.

Dorothy and Kenny had one son, Ron Lewis.

Dorothy and Kenny operated an apple orchard and in 1973, began also farming Baumgardner Farms on Dyer Hill, Dorothy's place of birth and Family Homestead wheat ranch.

Between 1979 and 1998, Dorothy and Kenny Lewis visited 31 foreign countries, most of which were with other farmers through the Washington State Grange. China, Russia, Viet Nam, Thailand, France, Italy, Holland, Australia, New Zealand and many others were visited by the Lewis's during this time.

Dorothy's life was expressed through her vast gardens. During the prime years of her life, Dorothy would work from 4 a.m. until sundown alongside her crew of men which she would work "under the table" on a daily basis. Dorothy would then come inside at sundown, but continue on working household chores usually until midnight or so, only getting about 4 hours sleep per day, but nonetheless, Dorothy ALWAYS had a large garden which was bountiful.

# Cemetery Details

## Pateros Cemetery

Cemetery Road  
Pateros, WA 98846

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 23. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

Barnes Chapel  
510 W. Indian Avenue  
PO Box 306  
Brewster, WA 98812  
(509) 689-3494  
mike@prechtrose.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Rae Lewis*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *Cindy Sheets lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Rae Lewis*



**Cindy Sheets** - July 20, 2020 at 02:10 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*

**Ron** - July 19, 2016 at 03:54 PM