

Yvonne V. Hamilton, 82

Yvonne V. Hamilton, long-time Colfax area resident, passed away Thursday afternoon, Oct. 13, at Whitman Hospital following a valiant battle with cancer and surrounded by her loving family. She was 68.



and Friday from 5-7:30 p.m. at Bruning Funeral Home.

Yvonne was born Aug. 31, 1937 at Spokane, Wash., to Merle and Ilean Strommen Nelson. She was raised in Bonnere Ferry and graduated from high school there. She attended Deaconess School of Nursing in Spokane and completed her RN degree. Following graduation, she and two classmates worked for a short time in Hawaii.

She married Clarence Hamilton, whom she'd met several years earlier, on Aug. 26, 1960 in Bonnere Ferry. They've made their home on their farm near Diamond since. Yvonne worked for a few years at the St. Ignatius Hospital before start-

ing their family. She kept busy as a homemaker and mother and in 1969 they opened "The Stitching Shoppe" on Main Street in Colfax.

They operated the fabric store for many years and later opened a branch store in Pullman. They sold the shoppe in 1980. Yvonne worked as a nurse at Whitman Health and Rehab Center in Colfax from 1985-1995.

She was a devout Christian and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She loved flower gardening and her grandchildren.

She and Clarence loved to travel and she enjoyed sewing and camping.

She is survived by her husband Clarence, of Colfax; three children, Jodie (Larry) Young, Steve (Margie) Hamilton both of Colfax and Daaron (Melinda) Hamilton of Yakima; six grandchildren, Ryan, Derek, Andra, Chase, Carson and Morgan; and a brother, Buck (Dwyla) Nelson of Post Falls, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her parents and 2 brothers, Jack and Bill Nelson.

On-line guest book is at www.bruningfuneralhome.com. Yvonne was so appreciative of the care she received at Whitman Hospital and didn't know how to ever thank them enough. Remembrances are suggested to the Whitman Hospital Foundation or your choice.