



## Bernice Carmona

February 15, 1926 - February 9, 2012

Pasco, Washington...Bernice Inez Carmona, age 85, passed away peacefully on February 9, 2012 at Jubilee Care an adult family home in Pasco, Washington, with family by her side.

Bernice was born February 15, 1926 in Longs, South Carolina, the daughter of the late Joe Luther Gore and Bertha Helen Todd Gore. Bernice grew up during the Great Depression and even though there was not a lot of material things, there was no shortage of love. Bernice met a young soldier while working in Conway as a waitress and shortly thereafter the two were married. She married Juan Carmona on November 9, 1943. Her first son, Johnny Joe (Joey) was born while Juan was serving in the European Theater during WWII. After the war, the family moved around the country, from Florida to California, settling in Newport News, VA. It was there in 1963 that Bernice had her second son, Jeffrey Scott, 18 years after the birth of her first son. Bernice, Juan and Scott moved to Arizona in 1972 and later returned to Newport News, VA in 1977 where they stayed until Juan's retirement. Bernice and Juan retired to Lake Gaston VA and remained there until Juan's death. She was predeceased by her husband Juan Jose Carmona, a son John Joe Carmona and all of her 10 brothers and sisters. Bernice was a homemaker for most of her life and enjoyed gardening, quilting, raising dogs and cooking wonderful food for family and friends.

Survivors include her son Jeffrey Scott Carmona (Scott) and his wife Lisa S. Carmona. Her grandchildren Mark Carmona of Raleigh, North Carolina, Karen Deahl of Bowie , Maryland, Maria A. Barker of Pasco, Washington, and Paul A. Carmona and Emily A. Carmona both of Kennewick, Washington. Her great-grandchildren Tessa Deahl, Laney Deahl, and Jackson Deahl of Bowie, Maryland.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 18, 2012 at Mt. Leon Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Mt. Leon Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Saturday at Mt. Leon Baptist Church one hour prior to the services.

Memorials can be made to the Lower Valley Hospice and Palliative Care at 3920 Outlook Road, Sunnyside, Washington 98944.

Please sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel is serving the family.

## Cemetery Details

### **Mt. Leon Cemetery**

Longs, SC 29568

## Previous Events

### **Service**

FEB 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Leon Baptist Church  
9801 Hwy 905  
Longs, SC 29568