

# Darlene Rae (Stephens) Conyers

Lake Stevens, Wash.

December 9, 1933-June 9, 2012

Darlene Rae (Stephens) Conyers was born on December 9, 1933, in Pendleton, Oregon, to Lawrence and Eloine (Witty) Stephens. She passed away on June 9, 2012, in Everett, Washington, with her husband and children by her side.

Darlene had lived in Oregon for most of her life but moved to Lake Stevens, Washington, in 1968.

She attended school in Lorane, Oregon, and graduated from Joseph High School in 1950. In 1953 she was united in marriage to Wayne Le Roy Conyers and they had 3 children.

Darlene was a gourmet cook and an excellent seamstress. She worked many years in the insurance and bond industry. But first and foremost to her was her family. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, sister and friend. She and her husband raised Morgan horses and their granddaughter, Tara, rode and showed the horses throughout the Northwest and the Nationals in Oklahoma City.

In her younger years every summer was spent in Pendleton with her grandparents. Pendleton Round-Up was a highlight of her life and she attended as many as possible until ill health made it impossible.

She made sure that her grandchildren spent a part of every summer with her, even though she worked full-time. It was one of the highlights of their lives.

Darlene was a very generous person and would always be the first one in line to help anyone, family or otherwise, that

needed help or a shoulder to lean on. She will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to know her.

Darlene is survived by her husband of 58 years, Wayne; children Cherie (Ron) Monette, Dale (Susie) Conyers and David (Gloria) Conyers; grandchildren Mark, Kerry, David, Tara, Brandon and Mike; and great-grandchildren Stephan, Tailyr, Mia, Marcus, Casey, Abigail, Charlie and Brooklyn.

She is also survived by her two sisters, Sheila Biegel and Laurel Deardorff, and aunt Jerry Robertson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Eloine Stephens, brother Montia Stephens, and 3 nephews, Brian Deardorff, Kyle Biegel and Ted Biegel.

A memorial will be held at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton on October 6, 2012.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to any charity of choice.



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# Announces new building



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini

## Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints The 21,000-square-foot facility is located at 1035 S.E. Ninth

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ake late '70s and the early '80s.  
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miston stake include  
Umatilla, built in 1983  
Boardman in 1984 and Lex-  
ington in 1987.

Snell said the old stake  
center had services run-  
ning each Sunday from 9  
a.m. past 6 p.m. — serving  
four separate congregations  
and a Spanish-speaking  
group. The new facility pro-  
vides additional space so  
meetings don't last so late in  
the day.

"The units have their own  
space now and don't have to  
be jammed into one space,"  
he said.

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