



Esther L. Comstock

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Esther, 83, died October 11, 2005 in Lakewood, WA where she had lived since 1953. She was born to Karl Kesti, of Oulu, Finland and Hilma Jurmu of Frederick, SD. She served as a W.A.C. in Yokohama during the U.S. Forces Occupation of Japan in 1945 and later as a Department of the Army Civilian in Berlin during the Airlift. She was a long-time employee of Madigan Army Hospital. Esther is survived by her brother, Raymond Kesti of Poulsbo, her daughter Alison (Michael) Katus of Germany, her son Casey Comstock of Lakewood, granddaughter Vivien (Brandon) Boushie of Irving, NY, and great-granddaughter Noelle. At her request, there will be no services. Heartfelt gratitude to the nursing, medical, and ancillary staff of American Lake VA Hospital for their exceptional care and love.



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Anonymous posted:

I am sorry that it took so long to answer your kind notes in the guestbook - I stumbled across the site and didn't realize at first that Mom's memoriam would still be posted. You may not know that Mom died of the complications of Alzheimer's disease. We first began to suspect something was wrong just before she got into a terrible car accident (head-on collision on I-5). That event accelerated her decline and it wasn't long before she was no longer able to recognize us. As I was in the Army and not able to get an assignment to Fort Lewis, Casey cared for her by himself for 3 years while we tried to find care for her. We were very fortunate that Mom was a military veteran and that the VA agreed to accept her. Their care was excellent - she lived with lots of love and attention around her for the 5-1/2 years she was there and during her last moments.##imported-begin##Alison Katus##imported-end##

February 12 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Allison and Casey: Because I do not have any email, I have asked Ralph and Harriet Stockbridge to send my condolences from their computer and email address. I saw Esther's obituary in the paper on Sunday, 23 Oct 05, and was surprised. We have often talked of her and wondered where she was living. That is wonderful that she could get good help and care at the VA Hospital. Esther and I worked together for many years in the Madigan Army Medical Center Transcription Section (Steno Pool) and we had many good and interesting times. She was a very smart lady, great artist, poet, and person. Working with her was very easy and she was an exceptional employee in every way. Sincerely - Pat Lamb (same address as always). We were talking about you, Allison, today and remembering that you dog sat Rufus while Harriet and I traveled to Arizona many years ago.##imported-begin##Patricia Lamb##imported-end##

October 23 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Casey and Allison: Just a note to sign your guestbook. It was a great surprise to see your Mom's obituary in the TNT. Pat Lamb saw it and asked if we would sign the guest book for her as she doesn't have an email. Your Mom was always so helpful in the office, and I really liked and admired her, but we knew little of her history and interesting life before "The Steno Pool." Esther and I worked together for nearly 15 years and she was so smart. Best wishes from Ralph and me. Just in case Pat Lamb's message doesn't register (she doesn't have a computer and email, please know that she sends her warm regards and condolences to both of you. We all worked together for a long time and Esther was a wonderful person. (I typed up a note for Pat here on our computer, but you may not get it since she doesn't have the email address that is asked for) and we do not have any addresses so we can send cards!##imported-begin##Harriet/Ralph Stockbridge##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Alison and Casey, Just a note to say how sorry I am to hear about your loss. Even though we have not been able to see each other over the years, you have always been in my thoughts. You know one of the things I remember about your mother along with her being so nice is that we all thought she had the coolest car her Camaro. Wish I had one. If you ever have the time I would look forward to hearing from you. Take care! Your friends, Carlos and family##imported-begin##Carlos Cruz##imported-end##

October 18 at 6:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Esther by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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