

## TWIN HARBORS

## OBITUARIES

Anna Anita  
Matisons

Anna Anita Matisons, 84, a much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away due to complications



of a prior stroke at Grays Harbor Community Hospital on Sunday, January 24, 2010.

Anna was born June 6, 1925 in Liepajas, Latvia, the daughter of Anton and Marta Bilinskis. Per an article from the Daily World by Velma Cozzutto, "The Matisons family came to Aberdeen in 1951. The road to freedom and a new home led through 11 years of upheaval and wandering, danger and uncertainty. They have found a haven in Aberdeen through the sponsorship of the Lutheran Church which also assisted other Latvian families in coming to America."

She married Daumants Herbert Matisons on November 20, 1946 in Nanau, Germany. She arrived in Aberdeen with her husband and three children and resided with the Keire family, cousins of Daumants, after which they bought a home in South Aberdeen where they lived for 11 years. In 1962, she moved to Wishkah Valley and resided there until her death.

One of Anna's greatest loves were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an avid supporter of her children's many sporting events and especially enjoyed bowling and traveling in her earlier years. Anna had a great passion for cooking and entertaining her many Latvian friends and others. Gardening, "walking the circle", her favorite movies and her magazines (you guess which ones) were something that she took great pride in.

One of her most favorite times of the year was celebrating the annual 4th of July picnics down by the river with family members and many friends in honor of her husband's birthday. She especially enjoyed the fireworks, the bonfires which consisted of many hours of laughter and singing. On many numerous occasions, she would take the grandchildren down to the river during the summer to swim and feed them her delicious lunches which they enjoyed immensely.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daumants (Herb) in December, 1978, her parents, Anton and Marta, and her five siblings.

Anna is survived by three sons and two daughters: Ivars (Debbie) Matisons of Aberdeen, Ojars (Trish) Matisons of Central Park, Dagnija (Dags) (Bruce) Tokarczyk of Aberdeen, Uldis (John) (Debbi) Matisons of Hoquiam, and Benita (Bits) (Dana) Brandt of Selah; 11 grandchildren, Angela, Bryan, Amy, Misty, Jonny, Mallory, Tyrone,

Ali, Austin, Russa and Masi; five great-grandchildren, Nalique, Michael, Anna, Eva, and Avery with one great-grandchild due in June.

Visitation at Whiteside Funeral Home is between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm Friday, January 29, 2010.

A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, January 30, 2010, at the Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, 111 East 4th St., Aberdeen.

A reception will follow at the church with a graveside service afterwards at St. Johns Cemetery, Wishkah Valley.

A special thank you to the staff at Pacific Care Center, Grays Harbor Community Hospital ER and ICU, Dr. Timothy Troeh, and Dr. Juris Macs for their loving care and professionalism.

The family suggests memorials may be made to Pacific Care Center/Resident Fund, 3035 Cherry Street, Hoquiam, WA 98550.

Arrangements are entrusted to Whiteside Funeral Mortuaries.

As they say in Latvian, Atal, which means goodbye.

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