



Arlene Vera Kielman

October 27, 1918 - June 9, 2015

Arlene Vera (Smithline) Kielman October 27, 1918 June 9, 2015 Arlene, 96, went to her heavenly home to be with her savior, Jesus Christ. She was born in Vancouver, WA to Pearl (Marble) Smithline and Charles Alvin Smithline. She was raised in the Manor community, attended Manor Grade School, graduating from Battle Ground High School in 1937. She led a very active life and had a keen mind until the day of her death from congestive heart failure. She died peacefully at home surrounded by her family and loved ones. Arlene married Peter Kielman, the love of her life. Arlene was the 'girl next door', being neighbors since they were teenagers. They were married nearly 60 years before Pete's death in 2000. They raised 3 daughters, Sandra, Sharon, and Susie, and moved to Hockinson in 1946, where she resided until her death. Arlene was a devoted wife and mother and cherished her family, often taking in nieces and nephews in their time of need. She was a gracious lady with a compassionate and kind heart, never having to be known as having even one enemy! Before marrying she worked as a maid for a prominent family in Vancouver where she learned many skills for her life-long home-making career and also at the County Poor Farm. She excelled in the art of home-making, cooking, sewing, and loved gardening and flowers. After her 3 daughters entered school she worked part time as a meat wrapper, a field boss at a family farm, and did secretarial work at the PI Expo. Arlene enjoyed being a brownie leader. She was an avid Mariner and Seahawk fan. She faithfully attended Minnehaha/Glenwood Community Church for 40 years.

Arlene was preceded in death by: Her Husband Peter, her brothers, Cedric, Elbert, and Kenneth Smithline; sisters; Evelyn Hanning Hunt, Nadine LaRue Nerton, and Olive Cotton. Arlene is survived by: Sandra (Chuck) Fox, Sharon Kielman and Carol "Susie" (Alyn) Vail; six grandchildren, Debbie (Dan) Marshall, Greg Kielman, Peter (Patti) Martin, Jeff (Alisha) Vail, Mike (Theresa) Vail, and Jim (Wendy) Vail; eight great-grandchildren, Jared, Adriana, Matthew, Troy, Tyler, Brandon, Kayleen (Andrew), Emelia; two great-great granddaughters, Addison and Eliana; 'special great-grandchildren', Sylvia, Brian, Todd, and Lucas. All services at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98685 Viewing: Sun. June 14th and Mon. June 15th, 12:00-6:00PM Memorial Service: Tuesday June 16th, 12:30PM (closed casket) Contributions may be made to Heart of Hope Ministries, Int., P.O. Box 2001, Vancouver, WA 98668

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