



Arlene Franziska Summers

December 6, 1916 - September 28, 2014

ARLENE BEAHM SUMMERS December 6, 1916 ~ September 28, 2014 "Arlene is remembered as a sweet Mother and friend." Arlene Beahm Summers, age 97, passed away Sept. 28, 2014, in Vancouver, WA at Emerald Adult Family Home. She was born Arlene Franziska Beahm on Dec. 6, 1916 to Frank W. and Rhoda (Newcomer) Beahm in Roanoke, VA. After attending Bridgewater College, Arlene married James Woodrow Taylor in September 1937. Arlene moved to Vancouver, WA in 1985 to be near three of her children in the Pacific Northwest. She married Paul R. Summers in the spring of 1986 and enjoyed eighteen years with him, including his devoted care after her stroke in 1996. Arlene worshipped at Brush Prairie Baptist, Church of Christ Hazel Dell, Church of Christ Hockinson, Van Mall Retirement Community, Glenwood Senior Living, and Glenwood Memory Care. Arlene did beautiful sewing, crocheting, and knitting. She enjoyed shopping, especially for purses and costume jewelry. Her travels with first husband, James Taylor, were trips to visit their children in the Pacific Northwest and Florida and some of James' business trips. Her travels in later years with Paul Summers included destination tours, Reno trips and visiting Paul's family. Arlene is survived by her sister, Phyllis (Hobert) Bodkin, Bridgewater, VA; daughters, Arlene "Fran" Wagner (Kelly) and Roberta Worley, Vancouver, WA; sons, Robert Taylor, Portland, OR and Barry Taylor, Port Orange, FL; grandchildren, Justin Taylor, Allen Taylor, Joel Wagner and Melissa Wagner Dobkins; and six great-grandchildren, Isabella, Ryxia, Nordica, Samantha, Logan and Aengus. She

was preceded in death by both husbands; sister, Christine Hess; and brother, Frank Beahm. The family is grateful to the many individuals who cared for Arlene in her later years. A memorial service will be at Evergreen Memorial Chapel, Fri., Oct. 3, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. Please sign her guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

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