



Betty Louise Robinson

November 2, 1922 - July 28, 2015

BETTY ROBINSON November 2, 1922 ~ July 28, 2015 "Her special touch and loving manner will be greatly missed by all who knew her." Yesterday the Angels came and retrieved our loving mother and returned her to heaven. Betty spent her childhood growing up with her parents (Oscar and Helen Wirsching) and her big brother Norman in Snohomish, WA where she graduated from high school in 1940. Following high school, Betty entered Central Washington University. She graduated early during the war years and came to Vancouver, WA as one of the teachers hired to teach children from the influx of families coming to Vancouver to work in the shipyards. Betty spent 44 years in the Vancouver School District giving Kindergartners' their first exposure to the world outside their families. With the help of her two favorite puppets "Cubby" and "Posse" they learned many of life's lessons. In her last year of teaching, Betty received Vancouver's highest honor as "Teacher of the Year", however, her biggest rewards from teaching were when her former students would meet and share their life stories with her. Betty taught at a variety of schools in the district including McArthur, Fruit Valley, Arnada, John Rogers, Marshall, and Sarah J. Anderson Elementary schools. In the spring of 1946, Betty decided to go to a dance at the Chrystal Ball Room where she met her partner for the next 40 years, Earl Robinson. It was a whirlwind courtship and within a few months they were married. Within four years they had their first of three children (Linda, John and Elizabeth) and together had many wonderful times that all of us will never forget. Betty was

an excellent cook and she will leave us all wanting for those delicious Thanksgiving dinners and summer barbeques with her delicious chestnut dressing, potato salad, and salmon barbeque sauce. After retirement from teaching, Betty did not slow down, she was a very active member with the Washington State Retired Teachers Association, The Vancouveria Garden Club, and the International Ikebana Society. She loved working with flowers and through the Ikebana Society earned numerous honors. Betty was also a devoted member of the Christian Scientist Church that helped guide her through her entire life. Betty is survived by her three children and their spouses: Linda, John (Mary) and Liz (Donald); seven grandchildren: Lou McCollum, Lucas McCollum, Stephanie Peri-Provine, John Robinson, Colleen Fujihara, Nick Crandall and Wes Crandall; 12 great-grandchildren; and one more on the way. The family would like to acknowledge a special thank you to Lucas McCollum, Crisi Bailey, and hospices care for the primary care they gave to Betty, especially in her waning days of life. We would like any and all former students, coworkers and friends to attend her Celebration of Life on Mon., Aug. 3, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. Service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens at 1101 NE 112th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98664. If anyone would like to send flowers for her service, Mom would love the gesture. Please sign her guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 07:59 PM

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“ We will all miss Grandma Robinson at all the special events she came to. She never missed a grandchild's birthday, or any special event. She was a kind and graceful woman. We loved her.

Beth Fredericks - August 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Betty, Words cannot express my gratitude for all you and Earl did for me growing up. Thank you for making the wonder years of my childhood full of love, happiness and joy. Your caramel apples, salmon sandwiches, 4th of July ice cream, were always served with a huge dose of love I will never forget. You helped me learn that life is measured not by what you accomplish, but by how you help others accomplish their dreams and potential. Well done! You have finished the race and won the prize. Here's to you Aunt B, the richest woman in town. God Bless, Jimbo

Jimbo Newton - August 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM