



Buelah Jean Degrenier

June 20, 1927 - March 1, 2015

B. JEAN DEGRENIER June 20, 1927 ~ March 1, 2015 Jean DeGrenier, 87, of Vancouver, WA, passed away March 1, 2015. She was the second of six children born to Malcolm and Dorothy Roberts in Lenox, MA. She grew up in Pittsfield, MA. Jean married her childhood sweetheart, Edward DeGrenier on Aug. 3, 1946. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Sunnyvale, CA and raised their family. Jean was the quintessential homemaker. She was a wonderful cook who prepared meals from scratch for her family. She sewed most of her family's clothes, curtains and draperies and even reupholstered furniture turning thrift store finds into beautiful new pieces. Most importantly, she taught these skills to her children and through her example, encouraged them to learn new skills of their own. Jean was a Girl Scout leader and popular Room Mother known for her Cherry Chase cookies. Once her children were older, Jean went to work in the electronics/technology industry. She retired from Hewlett Packard and she and Ed relocated to Vancouver in 1991. Left to cherish her memory are her children, David DeGrenier, Gary DeGrenier, Linda Shipes and Donna DeGrenier; sons-in-law, Randy Shipes and Bill Coverick; and daughter-in-law, Lisa DeGrenier. She was a special Grammy to Christophe DeGrenier, Renee DiGiovanni (Jim), Amber DeGrenier, Ray Espinosa (Kim), Ashley Tilanus (Vincent), Dorie Shipes, Craig Shipes (Amelia), Brent Shipes and Scott Coverick (Chris); and nine great-grandchildren. She also leaves her sisters, Lou Chavez and Millie Payne; brother, Alan Roberts; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in

death by her parents; her loving husband, Ed; and her brothers, Malcolm and Donald. Per Jean's request, there will be no services. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in her name to a charity of your choice. Please sign her guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.