



Clara Lucille Pettit

September 6, 1921 - November 28, 2012

CLARA LUCILLE (GILBERT - WILSON) PETTIT September 6, 1921 ~ November 28, 2012 Clara Lucille Pettit, 91, of Vancouver, WA, passed away on Nov. 28, 2012. She was born in Neodasha, Kansas on September 6th, 1921 to Meva Baker Gilbert and Thomas A. Gilbert. She was the youngest of two children. Clara's father died when she was young and so her mother took the children to live with her parents. Clara and her sister Betty, grew up on their grandparent's farm in Ash Grove, Missouri. When Clara was 9 years old, her mother remarried to Norman Wilson and the family moved to Camas, WA. Clara graduated from Camas High School Class of 1940. She attended college first at Washington State University in Pullman, WA and then transferred to San Francisco State College, in Berkeley, CA. Clara worked for the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco. She met her first husband Robert E. Baldrige in San Francisco; they married in 1953. Her daughter Camille Ann was born on Christmas Eve 1958. In 1959 Robert passed away and Clara returned home to Camas, WA. In 1961 she married her second husband, Leonard Pettit. In 1962 their second daughter, Annette was born and in 1964 the family moved to Vancouver, WA. Clara enjoyed being around children whom she said always "amazed" her. She was active throughout the 1960's and 1970's in the Vancouver women's auxiliary of the Oregon Symphony and the PTA. She had a fondness for classical music, dancing, and pinochle. In her later years, she enjoyed working word puzzles, watching Wheel of Fortune, having coffee and reading the paper with her friends at

Fred Meyer and dining at Shari's Restaurant. Clara loved most of all having gatherings and cooking for her family and friends. Clara was a loving and strong willed woman who survived several personal tragedies and still persevered to succeed in her long life. Clara is survived by her daughter, Annette Pettit of Vancouver; and two grandchildren, Melissa McCarthy and Sean McCarthy of Milwaukie Oregon. Memorial services will be at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, on Sunday, November 9, at 12:30pm.

Tribute Wall



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“ I would like to express my Gratitude for Clara's Kind and Generous Spirit. For many years, She was a true Friend and Support to my Mother, Loine Garrison. We have all been blessed by her presence among us.

Sally Garrison-Malmer - December 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM