



## Dolores Mae Filer

April 20, 1929 - November 12, 2023

OBITUARY Dolores Mae Filer 4/20/1929 - 11/12/2023

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Dolores (Dee) Mae Filer age 94 on November 12, 2023, at the assisted care facility Cogir at the Quarry in Vancouver, Washington. She had Alzheimer's for the last couple of years and peacefully passed away in her sleep. Predeceased husbands Arthur Lorin Smith and E. Marion Filer. Dee is survived by her daughter Laurie Dee (Smith) Rose and son Douglas Dean Filer, nieces, and nephews. Dee was born in Ekalaka, Montana on April 20, 1929, to Florence Beatrice (Wolf) and Frank (Charles Francis) Purdum. She grew up traveling with her parents and sisters Wava Dawn and Margot Florence in a covered wagon, herding sheep on their property of over 2,000 acres, and breaking wild horses. The family moved to Salem, Oregon and operated a commercial apple orchard behind their home. At sixteen, Dee graduated from high school. Shortly after, she started working as an operator for Pacific Northwest Bell. The company recognized her interest in furthering her career and sent her to classes in electrical engineering. She engineered the first digital Radio System in Oregon. She retired in 1985. Even though she was a successful career-woman, she also had a deep desire for a family and raised two children she dearly loved. Dee was extremely talented and artistic. She found joy in writing poetry about loved ones, living in the Columbia Gorge beyond Washougal, Washington, and inspirational passages; writing about family history; drawing in her younger years; and painting beautiful coastal and mountain scenes. She was a strong woman, always had a positive and optimistic attitude. She was a beautiful and happy soul. Dee will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. May she rest in peace. A small private graveside service will be held on Wednesday November 29, 2023, at 12:30pm at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery,  
Funeral Chapel and Crematory

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Dolores Mae Filer** - November 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM