



Eleanor Mary Rieck

February 20, 1916 - May 6, 2013

Eleanor Rieck, of Vancouver, Washington, passed away on May 6, 2013 at the age of 97. One of 17 children of Joseph and Mary Sturek. She was part of the first generation of American-born Stureks after their emigration to the United States from Poland. Eleanor was born in Humphrey, Nebraska on February 20, 1916. After the early death of her mother in 1923, Eleanor took a role in raising the youngest of the family, beginning a tradition of service that defined her life. Eleanor married Melvin Rieck in Greeley, Nebraska on September 18, 1933. They spent the first years of their marriage in Nebraska, where their three girls were born. After briefly living in California, Eleanor and her family moved to Woodland, Washington where she and her husband ran a dairy farm until their retirement. We remember Eleanor as an avid gardener, a loving mother and grandmother and an amazing cook. Eleanor enjoyed spending her time crocheting, doing crossword puzzles and volunteering. Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin, in 2001. Eleanor is survived by her three children, Shirley Farrier, and her husband Dean, of Fort Collins, Colorado, LaVonne "Bonnie" Lewis, and her husband Ray, of O'Neill, Nebraska, and Melva Thomas of Vancouver, Washington; twelve grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. Services will be held at Evergreen Memorial Chapel in Vancouver, Washington on Monday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m., with burial to follow. Memorial donations may be made in Eleanor's name to Hospice Southwest, PO Box 1600, Vancouver, Washington 98668.

Tribute Wall



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“ Aunt Eleanor was our last living member of our Mom's [Helen] large family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry to hear about your Mom. Dwight [Evelyn deceased] Rosso, Bob and LaVonne Rosso, Beverly [Bill deceased] [Rosso} Kennedy, Yvonne [Rosso] and Ron Field, and Ann Marie [Rosso] and Ken Kasselder

Yvonne [Rosso] Field - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Bonnie, Shirley, Melva, Praying for you because I know it is never easy to say good buy. I will keep you all in my prayers. Love Mari Kae

Mari Kae Swett Mullen - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM