



Gayle Stella Lathrop

November 9, 1916 - June 25, 2010

Gayle "JR" Lathrop was born on November 9, 1916 in Port Townsend, WA to William and Stella Carder. Gayle grew up on the Hood Canal, graduating from Port Townsend High School. Following high school Gayle went on to nursing school. Following graduation she received her Nursing Certificate, in 1940, from then Governor Clarence D. Martin. Gayle was most proud to tell you that her dad had been a decorated Washington State Patrolman. Gayle was the gardener extraordinaire. She loved working in her yard, fishing for salmon and steelhead and camping at Suttle Lake and cruising in her 67 Mustang. She also enjoyed visiting with her daughter Bette and her husband John in Hawaii, riding in the Portland Rose Festival Parade with granddaughter, Niki and playing with her great-grandchildren, Zachary and Madison. She took great pleasure and pride in her family and considered her daughters Susan and Bette two of her greatest accomplishments. Gayle cherished the lifelong friends she made. She is survived by her daughter, Susan Simpson of Portland, OR; granddaughters Nicole (Jeff) Kuklenski of Bellingham, WA and Rian (Cory) Linkhart of Vancouver, WA; brother, William Carder of Arizona; great-grandchildren Zachary and Madison Linkhart and Son-In-Law John C. Anderson. She was preceded in death by her husband Melvin Lathrop in 1996 and her daughter Elizabeth Anderson in 2004. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research or Charity of Donor's Choice.

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