



Gertrude Jennie Van Horn

July 7, 1912 - October 3, 2009

Gertrude "Gertie" Jennie Van Horn nee Pierson was born July 7, 1912 in Thorp, Wisconsin to Robert and Maud Pierson and passed away in Vancouver, Washington, October 3, 2009. Gertie grew up in Aberdeen, South Dakota, graduated from High School, was trained as a beautician and went on to become a licensed electrologist. Gertie moved to Albany, OR in 1927 to marry Floyd "Van" Wilder Van Horn. She became the first licensed electrologist in Oregon. A resident of Vancouver since 1966, Gertie worked at Boyd's 88 Cent Store for 17 years. Gertie cherished her family. Trips back to South Dakota were made every few years to have time with family. In later years these trips were taken annually. Proud of her Irish roots, her son, Gary, took her there in 1998 to connect with her heritage. This was a dream she had always had and it was a highlight in her life. Another special trip was to Tennessee in 2000 with her three children and sister, Ethel Randall, for a family reunion. This trip allowed her to finally meet family she had corresponded with over the years. Besides her role as a loving homemaker, Gertie was an avid gardener and an accomplished artist. She was loved and adored by her family and will be greatly missed. Gertie leaves behind her three children, Gary Van Horn, Neil Van Horn and Roberta Roche, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Gertie was predeceased by her parents, eight brothers and sisters and her husband "Van" who passed away in 1976. Gertie will be laid to rest beside her loving husband at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver. Services will be held at 10:00 a.m.,

Thursday, October 8, 2009. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Southwest, P.O. Box 1600, Vancouver, WA 98668

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