



Irene Mabel Chipps

February 24, 1926 - October 27, 2016

IRENE (MIKKELSON) CHIPPS February 24, 1926 ~ October 27, 2016 Irene Mikkelson Chipps left us on October 27, 2016. Born February 24, 1926 in Windham, Montana to Albie and Clifford Mikkelson, she spent her childhood in Montana. Irene moved with family to Dallas, Oregon, in 1941, where she graduated from high school. Irene married William Crockett at age 18 and almost immediately left for post World War II Germany, where Bill was assigned by the Air Force. It was there Irene began a career in government work, from which she retired in 1987, after almost 30 years service. Among her greatest achievements was being mother of two boys _ Rodney and Randy, and her passion in life was family. She came from a family of six children and maintained a loving relationship with sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews and cousins. In recent years Irene hosted two family reunions which were attended by family from as far away as Norway. Another passion was quilting. Irene belonged to several quilting groups and made quilts for many family members and friends. She took great pride in raising her sons, and they lived in various states, as well as Japan, Germany, and Newfoundland. After a number of years of this nomadic life, Irene and Bill divorced and she moved back to Dallas. She married Grant Chipps in 1974, and they lived most of their 37 years together in San Diego, Portland, and Vancouver. Grant passed in 2012. Irene is survived by Rodney Crockett and wife Carol of Hillsboro, Randy Crockett and wife Terry of Vancouver; six grandchildren and seven adorable great-grandchildren whom she doted on. Please sign Irene's Guest Book at w

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