



Josephine Mary Dylke

May 4, 1916 - March 28, 2011

A ray of sunshine left our world and peacefully slipped away on March 28th. Josephine Mary (Di'Pasquale) Dylke was born in 1916 and was two months short of her 95th birthday. What an interesting life she led. While a young women, she, with a cousin, set off from New York to Oregon by train. With only a few dollars in their pockets and a desire for adventure, they arrived in Portland, Oregon. Josephine looked up her cousin Sammy, working in St. Paul, Oregon and soon had a job with a family in St. Paul. She spoke very fondly of the Smith family all the days of her life. When World War 2 began, Josephine found herself working at the Kaiser Shipyards painting aircraft carriers. To this day we have her paint-spattered hard hat. She could tell you from which part of the ship each color spatter on her hard hat came. The red was from the electrical room, for instance. Many ladies worked on those ships while the men fought overseas. Born in very hard times, Josephine knew the importance of work. She had to quit school early to earn monies to help her mama and papa feed the family. This strong work ethic never left her. She would tell you to take a job, any job, and if you are good, you will get promoted. With this in mind, she went to work for the Vancouver Veterans' Administration Hospital in 1950. She started by cleaning bathrooms and rose to be a food service supervisor. She worked there 26 years. Her laughter and her joy of life led her to many favorite pastimes. She loved to dance and often attended ballroom dances with her girlfriends. That was a way to meet young gentlemen, too. This is how she met her husband, Don, a very good dancer.

She loved going to the movies with her girlfriends and out to lunch for chats and friendship. Then, there are the cousins, her many cousins. Josephine had no children, so each of her cousins' children became very dear to her. These second cousins were her surrogate kids and she loved them.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Josephine was such a sweet cousin of mine. She loved everyone she came to know and everyone loved her. You will be greatly missed cousin Josephine but never forgotten. Love and miss you so much.*

Ashley Velasquez - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We will miss you and all those wonderful luncheons together.*

Gene & Del Blizzard - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I will never forget you Aunt Pep and all the wonderful times we had together. I miss you. Love, Frankie*

Frank DiPasquale - April 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM