



Joyce Thelma Gomer

January 3, 1925 - May 19, 2015

JOYCE THELMA GOMER January 3, 1925 ~ May 19, 2015 Joyce Thelma Gomer, 90, unexpectedly, but peacefully, passed away May 19, 2015 at Harrisburg City Hospital, Harrisburg, PA. She was born in Avon, SD Jan. 3, 1925. Joyce moved in 1935 to Bend, OR with her parents; Clifton C. Berry, Viola M. (Farrell) Berry and brothers, W. Russ Berry and Roger Berry; all whom pre-deceased her. The family moved to Portland, OR in 1942. Joyce graduated from Grant High School in 1943. She later attended Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA where she studied music. Joyce married Donald M. Gomer of Bend, OR Nov. 30 1947, and lived in various towns in Washington. They were divorced in 1961, and Joyce moved to Vancouver, WA with her sons, Marcus D. and Curtis L. Gomer. In Vancouver, Joyce taught piano lessons and ultimately retired from Kamlu Retirement Inn. Joyce was a member of Trinity Life Center, a Foursquare Church in Vancouver until October of 2004, when she moved to Harrisburg, PA to be closer to her son, Curtis and daughter-in-law, Donna. In retirement, Joyce lived at the Manor at Oakridge where she enjoyed a quiet life being with friends, participating in church and bible study programs, attending music programs, and listening to Talking Books for the Blind. Joyce is loved and survived by son, Curtis and daughter-in-law, Donna of Brodbeck, PA; granddaughter, Brittani Crawford and three great-grandchildren, all of Spokane WA; sisters-in-law, Beverly Berry and Adeline Berry; two cousins; as well as many nieces and nephews, all of whom reside in the Pacific Northwest. She was preceded in death by her

son, Marcus, in Nov. 2014. A memorial service and burial will be held Thurs., May 28th, 10a.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Chapel and Cemetery, 1101 NE 112th Ave., Vancouver. Contributions may be made in Joyce's name to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, 611 Granite Springs Rd., Yorktown Heights, NY 10598 or the Library for the Blind, Free Library of Philadelphia, 919 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19107. Please sign her guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.