



Katharine R. Williams

November 23, 1922 - November 28, 2016

KATHARINE "KITTY" ROSE (STRANACK) WILLIAMS November 23, 1922 ~ November 28, 2016 Kitty Stranack was born November 23, 1922 to Dorothy and Stewart Stranack of Seattle, WA. Kitty enjoyed growing up in Seattle with her older brother, Ronald, and younger brother Gene. Kitty enjoyed dancing, and while in high school, danced with a partner at various clubs in Seattle. She was also a gifted singer, and during her college years, sang with a trio known as the Harmonettes. They performed with various college dance bands, and on the "Ship of Joy" radio show in Seattle. Kitty attended Wilson's Modern Business College in Seattle, and while there, met her future husband, Bob Williams. They married in 1943, and were stationed at various army bases throughout the northwest, before Bob was sent overseas to the Philippines. During that time, Kitty, and her sister-in-law, Frances, learned to fly Piper Cub float planes. They had many exciting adventures flying their planes up and down Lake Chelan, WA, where Bob's family lived. After the war, Bob and Kitty settled in Chelan. In addition to homemaking and raising two daughters, Kitty was active in several civic organizations, served as a Camp Fire Girl leader, was a wonderful seamstress and gardener, and eventually finished her college education to receive a Masters Degree in Speech Pathology, in which she worked for several years. She was also very active, swimming and water skiing in the summer, and snow skiing throughout the northwest in the winter. Kitty and Bob traveled quite a bit, including living in the Philippines for 3 years. Wherever they settled, Kitty would find a singing

group to join. She sang with many church choirs over the years, and was a member of the Vancouver Marshall Aires and the Touchmark Christmas choir. Her talent for harmony was incredibly true to the end. She is survived by her two daughters, Robin of Portland, OR and Lori and husband, Howard, of Vancouver, WA; 5 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Kitty was a loving, devoted mother, wife, grandmother, and a great friend to many. She will be greatly missed by all. A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 16th at 11:00 AM at Mill Plain United Methodist Church, 15804 SE Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Alzheimer's Association , National Processing Center, PO Box 96011, Washington DC 20090, or at alz.org. Please sign Kitty's Guest Book at www.columbian.com/obits.

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