



Lillian Minerva Ellefsen

June 26, 1922 - October 14, 2017

LILLIAN M. ELLEFSEN June 26, 1922 ~ October 14, 2017 Lillian M. Ellefsen, 95, went peacefully to the Lord on October 14, 2017. She was born on the 28th of June 1922 to John and Clara (Larsen) Lillevick in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she attended school graduating from East High in 1939. Lillian attended Salt Lake Business College, worked as a stenographer and bookkeeper at the State Finance Company. She married James Ellefsen in 1941, moving to San Francisco. After the war, she settled with her husband in rainy (her words) Vancouver, Washington where they purchased Foodland grocery store. Along with helping in the grocery business, Lillian raised a family of four children that has since grown to include four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. After the loss of her husband, Jim, she caught the travel bug. Lillian loved to travel locally hiking in the Columbia River Gorge, and skiing at Mt. Hood. She also became a frequent international traveler, visiting relatives in Norway, along with adventures in Europe and Russia. Lillian was a Charter member of Columbia #58, Sons of Norway. She was revered as a beloved, beautiful, happy and scrappy member, frequently appearing in traditional Norwegian costume (or Bunad). She was passionate about Norwegian dancing, cooking, lutefisk dinners, baking cookies, language classes and coffee with the girls. Lillian is survived by daughters, Karen Spencer (Richard), Kristine Andrews (Richard) and her four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Ellefsen: daughter, Sylvia Bush; and son, Neil Ellefsen. A Celebration

of Life to be announced. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Please sign her guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

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