



## Loraine Iva Gardner

October 19, 1917 - April 20, 2012

LORAIN IVA GARDNER October 19, 1917 ~ April 20, 2012 "Loraine was a kind and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother." Loraine Iva Gardner, 94, of Park Lido Assisted Living in Vancouver, WA, passed away on April 20, 2012. She was born in Forest Grove, OR to Guy and Iva Richards, joining her brother, Everett and sister, Harriet. She graduated from Albany High School in 1936. She met her husband, Melvin Gardner in Albany, OR at church choir and they were married June 19, 1938. They were married 69 years when he passed away in 2007. Before marriage, Loraine worked in a library and book store/cafe in Albany. Later, she and Mel worked for the SP&S Railroad office in Astoria, OR. She also worked until retirement for the Kaiser Permanente Appointment Center in Portland and Vancouver. After retirement, Loraine and Mel were assistant managers in several Travel Lodge's in Vancouver, Everett and Wenatchee, WA. Being a sharing and caring person, Loraine was active in several churches, first the Methodist Church and then the Church of God. She taught Sunday School, led bible studies and Women's groups, was a greeter, led the Benevolence group committee, and helped in hospitality in many ways. She was also active in Eastern Star and volunteered for many years for the Red Cross. Loraine enjoyed decorating and entertaining in her home and was a talented seamstress. Loraine is survived by her son, Dick (Madeleine) Gardner; daughter, Marcia (Bill) Hidden; son, Bob (Geri) Gardner; daughter, Margie (Bill) Thompson; nine grandchildren, Craig Lindi, Lori Novak, Danny Hidden, Katie Highley, Joe Gardner, Tim

Gardner, Crecha Tracy, Amber Thompson and Andy Thompson; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Chapel on Sat., April 28, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Donations may be sent to the American Red Cross.

# Tribute Wall



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