



Mary Pearl Mothershead

October 15, 1915 - April 16, 2016

MARY P. MOTHERSHEAD October 15, 1915 ~ April 16, 2016 Mary P. Mothershead passed away on April 16, 2016 in her home at the young age of 100 years plus 6 months. Born to parents, Wilbur and Edith Proctor on a homestead outside of Denton, Montana on October 15, 1915. She was the middle child, her sister Bert being the oldest and her brother Harry the youngest. Her mother Edith passed away giving birth to her brother and her father never remarried, raising his three children on his own while running his ranch. After graduating from high school she worked 12-hour shifts in a cafe for 50 cents a day. After becoming a licensed beautician she decided that the cafe business was still in her blood and opened her own cafe in Fort Peck, Montana where she was to meet her future husband, John Wesley, who was a heavy equipment operator at the Fort Peck Dam and along with his brother stiffed her for a cup of coffee. When a storm destroyed the cafe and Wesley's company transferred him to South America, Mary remained in Montana and opened her own beauty shop. When Wesley returned, they were married in 1939 and together they would run her fathers ranch which until 1951 had no electricity nor running water and they both thought they had gone to heaven. In the mid 70's, they retired and purchased a home in Vancouver, Washington where they lived until Wesley's death in 1988. In 2003, Mary moved to Glenwood Place Assisted Living where she enjoyed many activities and for years was the head cheerleader and score keeper for The Finches bean bag baseball team there. Mary is survived by six nieces, one nephew, many great

and great-great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Wesley Mothershead; sister, Alberta (Bert) Hines; brother, Harry Proctor; and parents, Wilbur and Edith Proctor. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sat., May 14, 2016 at Glenwood Place Assisted Living, 5500 NE 82nd Ave., Vancouver, Washington, at 2 p.m. Donations or contributions can be made in Mary's memory to the local Humane Society. Please sign her guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.