



Miriam Ruth Ridder

March 19, 1923 - February 12, 2010

Born to Roy and Tressie Spear in Americus, KS, Miriam was an accomplished pianist, who was accepted at Julliard prior to WWII. She subsequently graduated from Highland CC, Highland, KS and was voted Most Talented, Class of 1943. Employed at Winter General Hospital in Topeka, KS, she met a medical corpsman, Bernard Ridder. They married in April 1946. Miriam and Bernie moved to WA in 1947 and Hazel Dell in 1949. Miriam was employed by the Dept. of Voc Rehabilitation; initially a secretary, later a counselor; retiring in 1978. She was an accomplished seamstress and enjoyed sewing, tailoring and various needlecrafts, gifting her family with many treasured keepsakes. She also enjoyed crafting, gardening and reading. Miriam and Bernie wintered in AZ for many years. She treasured time with her grandchildren. Until ill health prevented, she was active in the American Legion Auxillary, Post 14; Gateway Sam's Travel Club and 8 & 40. Miriam died at home following a recurrence of cancer. Preceded in death by her parents and a brother; she is survived by her husband of 64 years, Bernard; children, Joyce Titus (Fred) Madison, MS, Gary Ridder, Vancouver; grandchildren, Bryan Titus, Nashville, TN and Courtney Titus, Ridgeland, MS. Also a brother, Horace Spear (Lois); sister-in-law, Kim Cereghino; nieces, nephews, close friends and special pet, Missy. Sincere appreciation to all for the many kind expressions of support and encouragement. The family suggests donations in Miriam's name to the Discovery Center Cancer Resopurce Center, Vancouver or Kaiser Hospice. Services will be Wed., Feb. 17, 2010, 10:00 a.m. at Evergreen Memorial

Gardens. Sign online guestbook at : www.evergreenmemorialgardens.com.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 08:39 PM

EG

“ God will comfort you at this sad time.

Elzada Grimm - March 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ Bill and I wish to extend our sincere condolences to Bernie and family. When we joined the Gateway Sams, Miriam was always so friendly to me and went out of her way to make me feel welcome at the monthly dinners and camp outs. I always looked forward to chatting with her and appreciated her warm friendship. She was a dear lady, and I feel blessed to have known her.

Lynn Van der Vort - February 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ The past weeks have been full of changing emotions of joy and sorrow watching your wife/mother decline. The specialness of being together as a family through all of this must have brought her joy knowing your love was so strong for her. We continue to pray for your family through the transition but also know she is totally at peace. We never knew of her special talents. That reminds us to take notice and honor those special ones around us and the gifts of their lives. Thinking of you all. Love, Dave & Jan

Dave & Jan Kukkola-Miller - February 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Dear Gary, So sorry to read of your mother's passing. May you be comforted knowing that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Best regards, Chris

Chris Rust - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RU

“ Thinking of you Gary as just about a year ago we lost my Mom...The world will never be the same once Mom is gone so my prayers are with you as you walk through these days...always a friend...ruth from high school

Ruth - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM