



## Naomi Vernice McCoy

June 6, 1923 - September 16, 2009

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 1945 - An 18 year old Vancouver high school girl sits alone on a quiet Sunday morning, operating the central telephone switchboard for FORT VANCOUVER (Vancouver Barracks). Suddenly the switchboard comes to life like a flat panel Christmas display and that young high school girl, Naomi Smith, starts one of the busiest days of her life. She spends hours trying to connect generals, politicians, news reporters and - seemingly - everyone else in the world, to the right person in the Barracks as World War II begins for the United States. Naomi Vernice Smith McCoy, born June 6, 1923, in Glagstone, ID, passed away in her sleep early Wednesday, September 16. She was 86 years old, and had battled advanced Alzheimer's disease for 5 years. She reunites with her late husband of 57 years, Major Donald G. McCoy, USAF Retired and her daughter, Donna J. Mistretta. She is survived by her Sisters Lorena Briganti of California, and Jeanetta Arnold of New Mexico; her son Mel McCoy of Portland, OR; and her grandchildren Tamra and Jodele Mistretta, both of Vancouver, WA., Melonie McCoy of Mukilteo, WA., and Donald McCoy of Corpus Christi, TX. Naomi is also survived by four Great-grandchildren; Chelsea, Gwenyth, Spencer, and Kimber. Services will be held Monday, Sep. 21, at 10am at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Vancouver, WA. Memorial donations can be made to the Ridgefield Church of the Nazarene.

# Tribute Wall



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