



Rosemary Cecelia Mitcham

September 27, 1929 - September 27, 2013

ROSEMARY MITCHAM September 27, 1929 ~ September 27, 2013 In coincidental symmetry, Rosemary Mitcham completed the circle of life and died on her 84th birthday. She was born Rosemary Lenahan, in Butte, MT and moved to Battle Ground, WA to live on her grandparent's dairy farm in 1941. She was a natural athlete and a dedicated scholar. She graduated as valedictorian of her class from Battle Ground High School in 1947. Rosemary married the great romance of her life, Robert L. Mitcham in 1948. Together they had six children and were married for 57 years. She was a pragmatic and ambitious force; raising a large family and working on the five acre farm in Lakeshore. She planted 40 Veteran peach trees, which she pruned, thinned, picked and sold from the house on Lakeshore Avenue. There were also 50 pear trees, prunes, and apples, walnuts and filberts. The whole family worked, willingly and not so willingly. She also milked a cow every third day, while her husband worked for the VFD. She churned butter, took cream to the creamery, and sold milk. Rosemary was one of the founding members of the Lake Shore Swim Club. The parents involved felt the numerous baby boomer children should have a first class outdoor pool for the summer months. The pool opened in 1962, and is still a feature of the LSAC. Her love of reading was only surpassed by her love of tennis, and she was the chairperson in a co-operative effort with the Vancouver School District, and Vancouver Parks and Recreation to build the Vancouver Tennis Center. She enthusiastically played tennis and was an avid swimmer until she was 75. Rosemary is survived by

her children, Lynn Mitcham Novak, MaryLee Mitcham Andison, Jan Mitcham Beebe, Beth Mitcham Hodges, and Rob Mitcham; by her beloved brother, Frank Lenahan of Santa Fe; and her step-sister, Joanie Kuntz in CA. She is also survived by 13 grand- children; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; and daughter, Kerry. There will be a memorial lunch at Royal Oaks Country Club at 12:00 noon, Friday, November 1, 2013.

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