



## Sally Stratton Thayer

October 10, 1929 - March 8, 2024

Sally was born in 1929 at the onset of the Great Depression to Ken and Marjorie Nottingham in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

She had an older brother, Jack. The family struggled over the next several decades (as many did in those difficult economic times), moving to various cities in Ohio, Washington, and California, as Sally's father worked at various jobs.

In 1947, Sally met Wilbur Brewer Thayer, fresh from his service in the Navy. They married in 1948. While Sally wanted an even dozen, they were blessed with six children.

The Thayer family lived in Pasadena and Arcadia, California, in the late 1940s and early 1950s, and then moved to the Sacramento area in 1956. Wilbur left his job as a deputy attorney general for the State of California in 1969 and he and Sally moved the family north, having two years earlier purchased the Deer Creek Ranch in Selma, Oregon. Sally and Wilbur and their children worked the Deer Creek as a commercial beef operation until they sold it in 1976. The former cattle ranch is now known as and operated by the Siskiyou Field Institute. Sally and Wilbur then lived for a few years in Klamath Falls, Oregon, before eventually moving to Vancouver, Washington, where they spent the rest of their lives.

Wilbur preceded Sally in death in 2009. Sally and Wilbur are survived by: Steve (Sue); Midge (Jim Yeager); John (Patty); Carol; Bill (Lori); and Dan. Sally had strong faith and was a beautiful soul. Her love for her six children

was strong until she was ready to join her Lord and Savior and be with her loving husband of 61 years. Sally was 94 years old and passed peacefully. She will always be loved and terribly missed.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 10:00 AM, at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver, Washington. Flowers and donations unnecessary.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Sally Stratton Thayer - March 14, 2024 at 12:00 AM**