



Verna Elizabeth Hanke

August 31, 1924 - September 19, 2011

VERNA E. HANKE August 31, 1924 to September 19, 2011 Verna E. Hanke, passed away on September 19 in Vancouver, Washington at the age of 87. She was born in Wayne, Michigan on August 31, 1924, grew up and went to school in the Michigan area before moving to Southern California where she spent most of her adult life before moving to Vancouver, Washington in 1978. Verna married Rudy Hanke in 1958. They were married 47 years, before Rudy died in 2006. After Rudy retired in 1978, they moved to Vancouver. Verna was the first President of the Cascade Park Homeowners Association to which she gave many years of service, and was a strong advocate for the neighborhood where they resided. She enjoyed gardening, but her first love was her cat. In Verna's final days, Pumpkin brought her great comfort laying beside her. For the past four years, Verna resided at Cascade Inn and was given exceptional care by the caregivers as well as the nurses and staff from Hospice Southwest. Verna is survived by three nephews, Fred Morris, Norman Morris and Jim and his wife, Jodie Morris; sister-in-law, Sr. Yvonne Hanke; and niece-in-law, Pauline Nirschl and her husband, Jim. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rudy; her parents, Frank and Anna Gaulke; and her sister, Marjorie Morris. A Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6600 Highland Drive, Vancouver on Tuesday, September 27th at 11:00 a.m. with the Rosary prior to the service at 10:30 a.m.. Interment will be at Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Vancouver. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice Southwest.

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