



Verna Louise Ripley

September 3, 1925 - August 25, 2016

VERNA LOUISE RIPLEY September 3, 1925 ~ August 25, 2016 Verna Louise Ripley, "Vernie" as close friends would call her, passed away Aug. 25, 2016 at the age of 90, just a week shy of her 91st birthday. She was born Sept. 3, 1925 in Vancouver, WA, the daughter of Walter P. and Alice L. Beatty. Verna graduated from Vancouver High School in 1944 and married her high school sweetheart, Charles "Stu" Ripley in 1946. Verna lived most of her life in Vancouver. She retired from Vancouver AAA Travel Office as a supervisor. Verna loved spending time watching her grandkids and her great-grandkids sporting events. She traveled to Hawaii, Italy, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Through her 70's, she enjoyed playing golf and practicing Tai Chi. One of her favorite past times was going to the Rod Run in Long Beach. Verna is survived by her son, Gary (Barb) Ripley; her daughter, Kathy (Joe) Schmeltzer; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren, all residing in Vancouver. She gave us endless support, advice, and loving care for each and every one of her family members. She will be dearly missed, but will be in our hearts forever. Please sign her guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 08:52 PM



“ Gary, Kathy and family, How thankful I have been for your folks as I was growing up on Jefferson Ave. What a personal blessing they were to me as I was a child in need of a peaceful place to go . I am so grateful to have had lunch with Verna to celebrate her 90th birthday at Ducktails this time last year. May God's promise of heaven for His own, be a great source of comfort for all. I miss them both.

Elgina Leidy - September 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ So many years ago but remember the kindness and support Verna gave our family when we lived on Jefferson.

Linda Hughes Barnard - September 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ We are. Saddened to hear of your loss, Gary and Barb. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Gary and Diane Huss

September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I am saddened to hear about Verna passing away. She was the supervisor at the AAA office when I moved to Vancouver in 1980. I did not know anyone in Vancouver and was very young to be a manager, but she welcomed me and mentored me, for which I have always been forever grateful. What a treasure she was, and I will miss her. May God's peace and blessings be with her and her family and friends.

Dave Minor - September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KZ

“ What a wonderful aunt , i have so many fond memories of her.

karen zurich - September 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I am saddened to learn that Verna has passed away, I often think of her as she was like a second mom to me when we moved to Vancouver. We worked together for many years in the AAA office. Ironically, when Verna's mom passed away she shared her parents (or grandparents) marriage license. We came to believe that my Grandfather stood up for them and signed their marriage certificate, I think in Minnesota small world.

Gary and Kathy, I'll continue to remember your mom and dad. They were so good to me...she was and is an angel! Hope all your good memories can overcome the hurt.

Larry Hanson - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear family you are all in our thoughts and prayers, she was a lovely person and will missed, Neal\Nancy Thibodeaux

August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM