



## Verniece T. Powers

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Verniece T. Powers, a longtime resident of Vancouver, WA, passed away on October 23rd. An only child, she was born October 16th, 1921, in Scotland, SD, to Clyde and Adele Asche. Verniece followed her parents to Denver, CO in 1939 to work at the Remington Fire Arms plant where she met her husband James J. Powers and they were married in 1941. They moved to Fort Dix in New Jersey where husband Jim was stationed. In 1946, they joined Verniece's parents in Portland, OR where they owned a caf. Working at the family restaurant locked in Verniece's life-long devotion to planning for and serving food to family and friends. They eventually settled in a Vancouver house with acreage where they planted fruit orchards, vegetable and flower gardens, and worked to build Jim's excavation company. Verniece, known as "NeNe" to her family, took pride in being an outstanding cook, baker, canner and organizer. She was a supportive mother to her three active sons, coordinating picnics and transportation to sporting events all over the state. She worked for 27 years as a volunteer at Southwest Washington Hospital and after husband Jim passed away in 1992, she became an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in downtown Vancouver. Her list of friends is long, including the members of her pinochle card clubs, one of which she founded and kept going for 59 years. Verniece is survived by her son, Michael (Kate) of Portland; daughter-in-law, Julie Powers (Jim) of Tacoma; grandchildren, Marc Powers (Amira) of Tacoma, TJ Powers (Gini) of Seattle, Rebecca Powers of

Tacoma, Jessica Powers of Brooklyn, NY, and Ian Marx (Emily) of Portland; great-grandchildren, Olivia, Avery, Salinger, Finley, and Cameron; and double cousin, Dorothy Nelson of Portland. She was pre-deceased by two sons, Jay in 1971 and Jim in 2011. A memorial service is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 28th at 1:00p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1309 Franklin St., Vancouver, WA, 98660. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Please sign her Guest Book at [www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits).

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