



Helen "Dodie" Pierce

October 8, 1927 - May 1, 2018

Our dear
sweet mom,
grandma, aunt,
and friend
passed away
peacefully at
home Tuesday,
May 1, 2018
with family by
her side.

Dodie, 90, was born in 1927
in Wyoming to parents John
and Elinor Romm. She joined a
brother and three sisters on the
family homestead.

The family later moved
from Wyoming to Burbank,
Washington where she graduated
from Columbia High School,
Casey, Washington in 1945 at the
age of 16, receiving a scholarship
to WSU.

Instead of heading off to
college, she chose to work as a
civilian at the Pasco Navy Base
in support of the WWII effort.

It was in Pasco, that Dodie
met the love of her life, Lyle
Pierce at a USO dance. After a
brief courtship, they married in

1946. They lived in the Pasco area where they started their family with a daughter and two sons.

In 1953, they moved their family to Ephrata, Washington. Ten years later, their family suddenly grew from five to six with the birth of another daughter and another four years later, a son would grow their family of six to seven. Dodie always bragged about having children in the Ephrata School District for 32 consecutive years.

While living in Ephrata, Dodie began working for the Title company and later the Washington State Employment Security Office, where she retired after 33 years.

During her life, Dodie was an active member of numerous local organizations that supported her family and community. She enjoyed her membership in the Ephrata Bowling League, Elks, Moose, VFW, Eastern Star, Red Hat Society, and her favorite, the Line Dancing Grannies, where they entertained at fairs, parades, and nursing homes since 1993.

During her 58-year marriage to Lyle, they loved bowling, camping, fishing and traveling with their children. Dodie was an avid baseball fan never missing any of her children's games, and later her voice could still

be heard among the bleachers cheering on her grandchildren and great grandson. Not only did Dodie love to sit and watch a game being played, she loved to watch the Mariners on television. One of Dodie's greatest battles in life was surviving cancer. She always said she "was too tough for the disease" and proved that by beating it five times.

She will be greatly missed by her sister Shirley High of Texas; her five children, Linda (Gary) Pierson, Ephrata, Wash.; Mike (Pam Nathan) Pierce, Edgewood, Wash.; Rod (Connie) Pierce, Coulee City, Wash.; Patti (Joe) Whalen, Ephrata, Wash.; and Greg (Jennye) Pierce, Golden, Colo.; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle; four sisters; one brother; and her parents.

A celebration of Dodie's life will be held at the United Methodist Church, 117 C St. NW, Ephrata, Wash.

Viewing will be held starting at 12 p.m. in the Fireside Room at the church, prior to the service at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2018.

Graveside service to follow at Valley View Memorial Park in Soap Lake, Wash.

In lieu of flowers, please

make a donation to a charity of
your choice in Dodie's name.

Please express your thoughts
and memories for the family at
www.nicolesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the
care of Nicoles Funeral Home of
Ephrata, Wash.

Cemetery

Valley View Memorial Park

20174 Rd A N.E.

Soap Lake, WA, 98851

Events

MAY **Visitation** 12:00PM

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United Methodist Church

117 C Street NW, Ephrata, WA, US, 98823

MAY **Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - May 10, 2018 at 05:07 PM



“ We are so sorry to her of her passing. Our condolences to her family. We are sorry for your loss.
Tom & Pauline McIntosh

Pauline McIntosh - May 08, 2018 at 05:38 PM



“ I bowled with Dodie back in the 70's/80's, she was always so much fun to be around, she will be missed by many of us who knew and loved her, she was a perfectionist in so many ways

Rosey Grubb - May 07, 2018 at 11:15 PM



“ My condolences to all of Dodie's family. She and i worked at Employment Sec many years ago and she was a class act. She was a mentor for me and embodied a true working professional.



Carole Jundt - May 07, 2018 at 11:03 PM



“ Don & FloSchlenz lit a candle in memory of Helen "Dodie" Pierce



Don & FloSchlenz - May 03, 2018 at 01:33 PM