



Carol Dorothy Olsen

September 11, 1927 - November 9, 2016

She was born September 11, 1927 in Paynesville, Minnesota to Benjamin and Sylvia Bluhm.

In the fall of 1942, during WWII, Ben and Sylvia moved their family of three from Minnesota to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

In the spring of 1943 they moved their family to Ephrata where her father Ben's first job was helping to build the Ephrata Recreation Center. Carol and her two brothers attended Ephrata schools and she graduated from Ephrata High School in 1945.

She married Keith Olsen at the Ephrata Methodist Church on December 4, 1946 and they had three children who also attended Ephrata schools.

Carol worked for Ephrata attorneys and Judge Felix Rea as well as the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Ephrata until she and Keith moved their family to Auburn, Washington in August 1965, where Carol worked for General Services Administration from 1965-1986.

Her husband Keith passed away November 25, 1997 and Carol moved back to Ephrata in 2006 to be near her son Michael.

In November 2011 Carol suffered a spinal stroke and has resided at Garden Oasis Assisted Living in Ephrata until her passing on November 9.

Carol is survived by her three children, James B. Olsen (Diane) of Black Diamond, Wash.; Wayne Michael Olsen (Dixie) of Ephrata; and Donna Jean Dickerson (Norman) of Auburn Wash.; and two brothers, Donald Bluhm of Yakima, Wash. and Robert Bluhm of Ephrata; her grandchildren, Mark, David

and Julie Olsen, Serena and Kristina Dickerson and step-grandson John Long; one great-grandson and two step-great granddaughters.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016 at Nicoles Funeral Home, 157 C St. NW in Ephrata.

with viewing at 12 p.m.

Burial will follow at Valley View Memorial Cemetery in Soap Lake, Wash.

A luncheon reception will follow at United Methodist Church, 117 C St. NW in Ephrata.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Nicoles Funeral Home in Ephrata.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 12:00 PM (PT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Carol Dorothy Olsen*



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - November 23, 2016 at 05:20 PM

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“ *Our condolences to you, Mike and family on the loss of your mother. We are glad we got to know Carol after moving here. We're sorry we won't be able to attend the memorial service. Bill and Rosann*

Rosann - November 26, 2016 at 10:47 AM

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“ *I had the honor and privilege of getting to know Carol at Garden Oasis. What a woman! She will be missed by many. Rest in peace, Miss Carol.*

Cindi Edwards - November 18, 2016 at 06:32 PM