



## Esther Marie Kirby

April 11, 1924 - March 13, 2023

Esther Marie Kirby, age 98, of Ephrata, WA, slipped peacefully into heaven at the Ephrata Hospital on Monday, March 13. Esther was fortunate to be able live on her own until being admitted to the hospital 24 hours before her passing. Esther was born on April 11, 1924 in Twin Falls, Idaho, the daughter of George Simpson Cope and Ozia Mabel Vaughn. She was the seventh of nine children. She was nicknamed “Babe” and was known by “Babe” by her family and close friends throughout her lifetime. On October 2, 1941 she married Kenneth Kirby, and together they had seven children. Kenneth preceded her in death in 1960 and she later married Lawrence Wilhalm in 1972 and has lived in the Quincy and Ephrata area since that time. Esther was also preceded in death by her daughters Joyce Kirby and Sandra (Bill) Coggins, and son, Jack Kirby, and several grandchildren. Esther is survived by her children, Susan (Mark) Fanning, Connie Kirby, Cindy (Eric) Stones, and Michael (Jen) Kirby, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Esther enjoyed sewing quilting, canning, knitting, crocheting, gardening, computers, texting on her cell phone, puzzles, cars, and country music. Graveside services will be held Friday, March 31, 1:00 PM at the Ephrata Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

MAR 31. 1:00 PM (PT)

Ephrata City Cemetery  
333 E St. S.W.  
Ephrata, WA

# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to the family. Mrs. Kirby was one strong lovely lady I knew growing up. I always felt welcomed and love when in the Kirby house. I spend half my growing up years being part of her family. Two of the things I remember the most are: First Mrs. Kirby, myself, Sandra, Susan and Connie seating in the grass in the summertime looking for 4 leaf clovers. This was one of our great pass times. The second is Mrs. Kirby make the best cucumber salad. I think of her each time I see a clovers in the grass and when I make a cucumber salad. XOXO

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**Joyce Wambolt Sieberer** - March 22, 2023 at 12:31 AM