



Frances L Houghton

November 30, 1927 - February 2, 2023

Frances Houghton passed away at the age of 95, on February 2, 2023 after a short battle with liver cancer. She had a long and blessed life. She was born Frances Lorraine McGovern to John and Johanna McGovern in Aberdeen, South Dakota, on Nov. 30, 1927. She lived there with her family, until they moved to Tacoma, Wa where she attended Stadium High School. After high school she got her first job at the Telephone Company in Tacoma. She was married in Oct 1950, to Rodney Dane Houghton, at which time, they moved to Seattle and started their family 1 year later. She continued working for the Telephone Co. in Seattle until they moved to Ephrata, in the summer of 1959. She was a very busy woman, raising 3 children, and continuing her work as a secretary for MacDonald Scott & Associates.. She took some time off to raise the kids, but the lure of the work force called, and she got a job as a legal secretary for Baird & White Attorneys at Law, where she worked for over 40 years. After her husband, Rod, died in 1990, she kept busy working, but also enjoying hobbies such as painting, gardening, exercise, and traveling, and volunteering at St Rose of Lima Catholic Church. She had 3 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren she loved very much.

Frances had a propensity for structure and balance in her life. Everything about her, from her wardrobe to her personal life, is best described as being 'prim and proper'. She always put everyone else as a top priority, forsaking her own wishes for those of others. Her generosity and caring spirit will be

greatly missed.

She is survived by her daughter, Cindy (Gerry) Shrope, and son, Mark Houghton. Her third child

Chris Houghton died in Dec. 2020. She had 3 grandchildren—- Katie (Christian) Bowen, Nick (Andrea) Shrope, and Geoff (Briana) Shrope. And 5 great grandchildren James Christian Bowen, Eryn Bowen, Ryan Bowen and Bradley Shrope and Max Shrope.

A memorial will be held at Nicholes Funeral Home on Feb 23, 2023 at 11:00 am with a graveside service to follow.

Cemetery Details

Ephrata Catholic Cemetery

333 E St. SW
Ephrata, WA 98823

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *A very lovely woman, very kind when I waited in the office for a ride home with Dad. I know he thought very highly of her.* ”

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