



Phyllis Lou Bilodeau

March 17, 1925 - October 30, 2017

Phyllis Lou (Brewer) Bilodeau, 92, of Ephrata, Washington, passed away Monday, Oct. 30, 2017 at Garden Oasis Assisted Living in Ephrata. She was born to Oscar and Inez (Strickling) Brewer in 1925 in Ulysses, Kansas.

During the 1930's was the depression and the Kansas/Oklahoma dust bowl was deadly and brutal. In 1939, the Brewer family, as with many others, had enough. Phyllis, at age 14, and the family, traveled 1,209 miles to Homedale, Idaho to find work and to start a new life. She attended schools in Wilder and Caldwell, Idaho.

In 1945, during the end of World War II, they migrated to Seattle, Washington. At age 20, she worked for Isakson Iron Works in supporting the war efforts making war parts for ships and tanks. After the war, they moved to the little town of Outlook, Washington. Eventually they settled in the beautiful Yakima Valley where many other family members had settled.

There she met the love of her life, Maurice Joseph Bilodeau. They were married on August 2, 1946 at the St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima, Washington. They moved to the Wenatchee area in the early 1950's and eventually settled in Ephrata in 1953 where Maurice started DB&H Plastering Co. She was a stay-at-home mom and raised six beautiful children, all while supporting Maurice as he traveled all over the Basin for his construction business.

Phyllis was a proud, loving mother and a wonderful wife, sister and grandmother. Above all, she loved her children and grandchildren. The family

was her life. She was always straight with her words and was honest with her relationships. She cherished the days after Maurice's retirement when they were "snow birds" and traveled in their motorhome to the sunny skies of Arizona. She also loved reading and crossword puzzles.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Inez Brewer; her husband, Maurice Bilodeau; brothers – Buck, Merl, John Brewer; sisters – Patris Brewer, Kate Biladeau, Joe Siegenhagen and LaBertus Bilodeau. Phyllis is survived by her children – Susan (Leon) Nyby, Phil (Debbie) Bilodeau, Les (Debbie) Bilodeau, Trish (Keith) Mikulecky, Aaron (Lorna) Bilodeau, and Keith (Wendy) Bilodeau; brother, Douglas Brewer of Yakima; grandchildren, Shayne (Midori) Nyby, Krista (Tim) Harmon, Marshall Bilodeau, Nathan Bilodeau, Keyton "Jessie" Bilodeau, Jadon (Dava) Bilodeau, Starr Carroll, Blake Mikulecky, Rachel (Jeremy) Mikulecky, Deza'rea (Kevin) Briery, Victoria (Kenneth) Nash; and eight great-grandchildren, Cai, Mekina, Ava, Aeris, Marlo, Serena, Kina, Konrad, Harlyn, Weston, and Emry.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10, 2017 at Nicoles Funeral Home, 157 C St. NW, Ephrata, with graveside service to follow at the Ephrata Cemetery.

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 Details

Ephrata City Cemetery

333 E St. S.W.
Ephrata, WA

Previous Events

Service

NOV **10**. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Prayers to you & Leon, Susan - and to all family & friends. -Jack & Lorraine*

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