



Vivian Johanna House

October 12, 1920 - March 18, 2016

Vivian Johanna House passed away peacefully Friday, March 18, 2016. Vivian was 95 years old. She was born in Port Angeles Washington on October 12, 1920. Her parents, Hans and Anna Hansen, were immigrants from Denmark. Vivian grew up in Port Angeles along with her 2 brothers Edward and Irving. She graduated from High School there and went on to Beauty School in Seattle.

She met the love of her life, Travis House, married and had their first child, a daughter, Johanna. In 1942 her husband Capt. Travis House served in WWII. She spend war time with her parents in Port Angeles and in Valley Washington with Travis' parents. In 1945 they moved to Ephrata and established House Laundry & Dry Cleaning Company and grew their business. She added 2 sons to the family, Gary & Roger, and lived the rest of her life there.

Vivian and Travis enjoyed many travels around the world and loved the outdoors. Skiing, hiking, fishing and camping kept their family very busy. In the early 50's they purchased a small home on Lake Chelan and enjoyed many years of boating, fishing and hiking the many streams and small lakes in the area. She also enjoyed snow and water skiing and was competing in cross country at the age of 80 in Sun Valley, Idaho. Another passion Vivian and Travis shared was dancing. They learned to dance Latin, Ballroom, Jazz and Western Swing!

Vivian loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed

many wonderful years with them. Vivian will be remembered as a gentle, classy, gracious woman and Mother and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by one daughter Johanna (John) Russell of Hamilton, MT; 2 sons Gary (Mary Jo) House of Ephrata, WA, Roger (Carol) House of Camano Island, WA; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. at Nicoles Funeral Home on Friday, March 25, 2016 with graveside service to follow at 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, WA.

Cemetery Details

Ephrata City Cemetery

333 E St. S.W.
Ephrata, WA

Previous Events

Service

MAR 25. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Vivian Johanna House*



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - March 24, 2016 at 05:08 PM

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“ *To Gary, Mary Jo, Roger and all the rest of the house family.*

My wife and I were gone all winter and just found out Vivian has passed.

I have the most wonderful memories of Vivian, Travis and the kids. I am one of Coy & Dody's sons. We had a lot of fun at Lake Chelan. Staying out in the bunkhouse, swimming etc. I still remember when a fire cracker stuck to Gary's hand when he was throwing them into the air. I haven't seen Roger for awhile but he was also a lot of fun. Vivian was always so nice to all of us. She was a class act.

*Greg & Nancy Summers
Wenatchee*

Greg Summers - March 30, 2016 at 04:40 PM