



Eileen Johanna Rick

February 20, 1928 - April 27, 2014

Eileen J. Rick, age 86 of Bellingham, passed away on Sunday, April 27, 2014.

She is survived by son Bill Rick and wife Sarah Schmidt of Coupeville, WA; daughter Mary Reeck and husband Philip, son Jim Rick and wife Lauri of Lynden, WA; son Brian Rick and wife Jennifer of Bellingham; and cherished granddaughters, Anya, Emily, Madeline and Faythe. Eileen was preceded in death by her husband Marvin and son Daniel.

Born to Thomas and Mary Halloran, Eileen grew up on a farm in Chatfield Minnesota. As a young woman, she left her job at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester and came to Bellingham with Dr. Robert Gibb to help set up the Whatcom Pathology Lab, where she worked for many years.

Eileen married Marvin Dutch Rick and the couple lived nearly all of their 52 years of loving marriage in Bellingham. Eileen and Dutch founded the Whatcom County Chapter of MADD following the death of their son Daniel in 1982. Eileen was proud of her Irish heritage and attained a life-long dream to visit her family's homeland with a trip to Ireland in 1996.

Eileen was known for her deep faith, quick quips, and a well-stocked cookie jar. Her family has great appreciation for the caregivers at Highgate Senior Living and parishioners of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Farewell Tribute Information

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 12:00 noon on Friday, May 2, 2014. Donations Information

Memorials may be made to Whatcom Hospice or to the Catholic charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Thinking of you at this time.*

Steve & Julie Barnes - April 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Aunt Eileen will be dearly missed by all of our families. She always had a smile on her Irish face. Love & Symjpathy to all the family.
Love Mary Fran*

Mary Fran & John Gillich Family - April 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Brian, Mary, and the whole family, your mother was my mom's table mate at Spring Creek for years, and through the bonding of our mom's I grew to know and love her too. She was very special and there is healing in me knowing that your mom is with mine again in heaven. That they are both pain free, and with other loved ones that passed before them. Take care, and you are all in my prayers.*

Lynn Toennessen - April 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. Eileen was such a dear sweet lady, who always had a twinkle in her eye! Made you wonder what she was up to! ;o) Loved that about her. Blessings on you all at this difficult time.*

Kashia Loth and Family - April 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM