



Ellen Marie Gilbert

February 18, 1919 - October 2, 2012

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Old Settler, Ellen M. Gilbert passed away peacefully on Oct. 2, 2012 in Bellingham. She was born on Feb. 18, 1919 to John and Ruby Blick. Ellen was a graduate of Custer Union High School, class of 1937, and of Western Washington College of Education in 1941. She taught for three years in Mukilteo and Ferndale. After Pearl Harbor, Ellen felt she needed to help her country. In June of 1944 she enlisted in the WAVES. She attended basic training at Hunters College in New York, and was then sent to The Great Lakes Training Center where she learned aerial gunnery, which she then taught in San Diego. Ellen was one of a very few women who qualified for this type of duty. For her service she received the WWII Victory Medal. In San Diego she met the love of her life, Charles Gilbert Jr., Electricians mate 2-c class U.S. Navy. They were married at the Wedding Bell Chapel in San Diego on August 25, 1945. In October of 1945, both Ellen and Charles received honorable discharges from the Navy. They moved to Ferndale where they raised three children. Until their retirement, Charles and Ellen owned and operated Chucks TV on Main St. in Ferndale. Ellen was active in the American Legion Post 154 Auxiliary. She enjoyed genealogy, reading, gardening and traveling with her husband.

Ellen is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Donald Blick, and son

Randolph Gilbert aka Gilby.

Ellen is survived by her sister Maxine Meyers of Hermiston, OR, son Grant Gilbert (Connie) of Ferndale, daughter Cheryl Brandt of Custer, grandsons Andy Brandt of Seattle and Chris Brandt (Monisha) of Bellingham, and great-grandchildren Marshall and Sydney Brandt.

The family would like to thank Silverado Senior Living for their wonderful care of Ellen.

Farewell Tribute Information

A private family graveside service will be held at Enterprise Cemetery in Ferndale. Donations Information

Memorial donation may be made to the American Legion Post 154, PO Box 1296, Ferndale WA.

Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP Sister Veteran!!! Thank you for your service and may your family and friends find peace in knowing you.*

Debra Gail (Heiser) Carter - October 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Ellen was a special lady. I had the priviledge of getting to know Ellen as I was working at Glacierview. I will hold several fond memeories in my heart of her and her cats. She will be greatly missed and cherished by many. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Tammy Neely - October 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Please accept my sympathy to the loivng Son, Daughter, & all the dear Family & Friends, in the painful loss of your dearly loved Ellen. She lived such a full life of dedicated service & will be sorely missed by those who knew, respected & loved her. May you find a measure of comfort, hope & peace in the following Bible Verses. Rev21:4-5
“LOOK! THE TENT, OF GOD IS WITH MANKIND, AND HE WILL RESIDE WITH THEM, AND THEY WILL BE HIS PEOPLES, AND GOD HIMSELF WILL BE WITH THEM, AND HE WILL WIPE OUT EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES .”*

Rita Perry - October 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM