



Elmerine Mae Strickland

May 17, 1929 - March 30, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Elmerine Strickland, who passed away at the age of 95 on the 30th of March 2025. Elmerine was born on May 17th of 1929 to Elmer Carlson and Mae Hartman in Bellingham, WA. She led a life filled with love, laughter, and adventure.

Elmerine married Jack Strickland on August 5, 1949, in Bellingham, WA and enjoyed a wonderful life with him until Jack's passing on October 15, 2007. The couple lived in many places throughout their lives, including Columbia Falls, MT, Goleta, CA, Yepoon, Queensland, Australia, Singapore, and Anchorage, AK. After retiring, they purchase a travel trailer and traveled across the Continental U.S. from one golf course to the next; making lasting memories wherever they went.

Elmerine had many passions. She loved tap dancing and spent years teaching at the senior center until she was 94. She had two dance schools in Columbia Falls & Whitefish, MT. She was also an avid golfer and enjoyed spending time on the course with family and friends. Elmerine loved sewing and doing crafts, always making something special with her hands.

Those who knew Elmerine will remember her as caring, kind, and generous. As her great-granddaughter put it, she was also wonderfully goofy, always bringing laughter and happiness to everyone around her.

Elmerine's family will always remember the vacations they spent with her, especially water-skiing and trips to Mexico, which hold special memories. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and her family was always at the heart of her life.

Elmerine is survived by her daughter, Terri Sirmans, her grandsons, Jeremy Sirmans (Heidi Sirmans) and Donny Sirmans; her granddaughters, Cindy Sirmans & Riki Kime. She also had 8 great-grands, great-granddaughters, Iesha Sirmans, Daisy Sirmans, Ashley Pollock, & Alexa Sirmans along with great-grandsons, Joshua Sirmans, Jon Sirmans, Carson Sirmans, and Collin Sirmans, as well as four great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, John "Jack" Strickland, and her daughter, Patti Marshall.