



Elsie L. Burgraff

May 27, 1918 - January 12, 2018

Elsie was born May 27, 1918 on the Pole Road to Lars and Ellen (Hanson) Tobiassen. She was the last remaining classmate of the Meridian High School class of 1936. She loved the many years she spent at the Registrar's Office at Western Washington University. Elsie spoke Norwegian at home with her family until she was in the 1st grade and was very proud of her heritage. An experienced traveler, Elsie made many trips to Michigan to visit family, as well as visiting every other state in the US. She also had the honor of traveling to her father's homeland, Norway.

Elsie was very musically talented, playing the violin in high school as well as the organ and piano throughout her life. Another of her beloved pastimes was clam digging, hunting, and fishing at the cabin on Toroda Creek.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Lars and Ellen Tobiassen; husband, whom she married on January 13, 1937, Marion Burgraff; sisters, Nellie Prouty and Hilda Ursin; brother, Toby Tobiassen; son, Marvin Burgraff, and son-in-law Vernon Annette.

She is survived by her children Diane Annette, Lorraine (Dennis) Sorenson, and daughter-in-law RaeLynn Burgraff; grandchildren Kat McAllister, Tami Peake, Marion (Challane) Burgraff, Calvin Burgraff, Anthony Burgraff, Dana (Randy) Simrell, Debi Simpson, Colleen (Andy) Rosas, Lyle Sorenson, Marcia

Mallahan, Dale Annette, and Darryl (Tammy) Annette; 19 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

A very heartfelt thank you to all the staff at Silverado for their loving care of Elsie. They truly enriched her life during her time there, and for that we are so thankful.

A celebration of Elsie's life will take place on Saturday January 27, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Moles Farewell Tributes (2465 Lakeway Dr. Bellingham).

Tribute Wall

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“ Hello Diane, Sorry to hear of your mother’s passing. Our prayers are with you and your family. She had a full and wonderful life. She was the same age as my mom was when she past away. With our prayers,
Bob and Marion Ritchie

Robert Ritchie - January 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ We send our sincere sympathy to Elsie Burgraff’s Family. My husband (Rick) and I rented from Marion and Elsie when we were first married and lived there when our fist son was born. We have been married 39 years, so it’s been awhile. Every Christmas up until the last few years we always exchanged Christmas cards. Elsie was a beautiful women and both Marion and Elsie were wonderful people. We have very fond memories of living right next door to them. May you take comfort in knowing they are together once again. Sincerely Rick and Leota Lagerwey

Rick and Leota Lagerwey - January 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM