



## Freida Virginia Melhart

April 7, 1928 - June 18, 2022

Freida Virginia Melhart was born in Sumner, Washington on April 7, 1928, to Lawrence and Albina Reid. Freida was the middle child, with an older brother, Woodrow, and a younger sister, Arlene. The family moved to Selah, Washington, where they lived until Freida was a teenager. They then moved to Bellingham, where she met the love of her life, Russell F. Melhart. Freida and Russ were married on August 24, 1946. They welcomed and raised two daughters, Carolyn and Darla, in Bellingham. Together the family enjoyed boating, and traveling to Whidbey Island to play in the surf and sand dunes.

Later in life, Freida and Russ enjoyed Christy's Travel Clubs, long car rides, wintering in Hawaii, and their Friday lunchdates with Carolyn and Darla. After 68 years of marriage, Russ passed away in 2014. Following Russ' passing, Freida took pleasure in the company of her neighbors, watching the Alaska ferry and other boats in Bellingham Bay, and her Friday lunch dates with Carolyn and Darla.

Freida passed peacefully from this life to the next on June 18, 2022, in Bellingham. She had recently celebrated her 94th birthday surrounded by family. Freida is remembered for her kind heart, gentle touch and thoughtfulness towards others. She is survived by her daughters: Carolyn (Gary) Nordtvedt and Darla (Hal) Arnason; 3 grandchildren: Amy (TJ) Ackerman, Molly (Gabriel) Campos, and Sam Arnason; 5 great grandchildren:

Kelsey (Jordan) Pace, Adrian Campos, Brady Ackerman, Cyrus Campos and Dane Ackerman; 3 great great grandchildren: Weston, Layla and Maci Pace; and 3 nieces: Barbara, Joan and Alice. Along with her parents and her husband, Freida was preceded in death by her brother Woodrow, her sister Arlene, her niece Kay, and her grandson Hal.

The funeral and graveside services were held at Greenacres Memorial Park.

Donations in Freida's memory may be made to:

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