



Ruie Marie Dunnigan

August 6, 1922 - December 3, 2017

Ruie Marie (Clarke) Dunnigan passed away peacefully on December 3, 2017 at the age of 95. She was born August 6, 1922 to Daniel Edwin Clarke and Ruie (Fox) Clarke. They lived on Pine St. in Bellingham for a short time before moving to Liberty St. in Bellingham, which was her childhood home. She attended the Normal School at Western Washington, then attended and graduated from Bellingham High School in 1940.

After high school, she married her childhood sweetheart, Wilfred J. Dunnigan, on September 29, 1943. Together they raised 6 children at their family home on McLeod Rd. in Bellingham. She started a career in 1975, working with people with developmental disabilities until her retirement in 1985. In her free time, Ruie enjoyed fishing with her husband for steelhead on the Hoh river.

She is preceded in death by her father and mother, her sister Vivian, and her husband of 69 years, Wilfred. She is survived by sons Michael (Janice) Dunnigan, Patrick Dunnigan, and Daniel (Debbie) Dunnigan; daughters Mary (Ted) McClung, Carol (Rich) Siden, and Laurie (Michael) Morris; 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Ruie had a unique sense of humor, which lives on in all 6 of her children.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday December 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Assumption Church (2116 Cornwall Ave. Bellingham) followed by an

inurnment at noon at Greenacres Memorial Park (5700 Northwest Dr. Ferndale).

Tribute Wall

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“ I was sorry to hear of Ruie’s passing. I will miss her. I was one of the persons who brought Ruie Holy Communion for several years at Highland. I am not able to be at her service at Assumption as I will be out of town. I wish I could be there. Ruie was a dear lady with a ready smile. She was very social and loved visitors. She prayed for her family whenever I was there with her.

Marlene Ayala - December 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to all surviving family and friends of my dear Great Aunt Ruie. She was truly among my favorite family among all the Dunnigan clan, as well as Uncle Wilfred of whom I felt a special kindred to because we were both Service Members. Aunt Ruie was always kind and thoughtful, and often playful in the conversations shared when I would visit at her home in Bellingham with my own Grandparents, John & Jean Dunnigan. May God rest her dear soul, and send peace to all surviving this wonderful person.

Shaun Dunnigan - December 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM