



Taimi Regina Van Buren

September 7, 1911 - August 3, 2013

Taimi R. Van Buren passed away peacefully on Aug.3, 2013 at St. Francis Nursing facility in Bellingham, Washington at the age of 101. She was born in DeKalb, Illinois to Finnish immigrant parents Victor and Hilma Salo, and throughout her life retained great pride in her Finnish heritage of hard work and perseverance. She began a teaching career in physical education after graduating from Bouve Boston School in MA in 1934 and continued to teach physical ed. and coach womans athletics until 1973. Summer vacations were spent instructing hundreds of students in swimming at many summer camps in Maine and Vermont. In the late 1940s she met her husband Stuart and began a lifelong love of the outdoors which included numerous hiking , backpacking, skiing, and canoe trips throughout the northeast. When her husband passed away suddenly in 1959, her many friends in the Appalachian Mountain Club became her family. Along with her AMC family and her son, she completed climbs of the highest 46 peaks in New Hampshire in 1963. She continued to be an avid hiker into her nineties. After retiring, she also traveled extensively to Finland, Australia, Switzerland and other places where touring always had to include a hike. In 1990, she moved to the northwest and loved living at Sudden Valley, to be in the woods. Survivors include her son Stuart Van Buren Jr., (Colleen) of Bow, WA, niece Janet Salo of Bellingham, WA. and niece Carol Hill of Studio City, CA.

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Farewell Tribute Information

A celebration of Taimis life will be announced at a later date. Donations Information

Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Taimi became the sweetheart of Sudden Valley when featured on the front cover of Pacific NW Retirement Magazine in July 2004. In it she stated, “My mother was a more refined city girl and was always dressed up. I was my Dad’s girl.” leading her to also love the outdoors. Adventure was in Taimi’s DNA and we will miss her optimism and sense of adventure.*

Marian Yunghans - August 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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StevenCaf - August 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM