



Doris J. Kosterman

November 13, 1924 - May 28, 2017

November 13, 1924 ~ May 28, 2017 Doris Jean Soliday Kosterman was born in Portland, Oregon, on November 13, 1924. She grew up in Proebstel, a rural area east of Vancouver, Washington. She often recalled how her family survived the Depression thanks to their chickens and cows and a beloved goat named Annabelle. An only child but always active, she loved the nearby swimming hole as a girl, was the pitcher on her softball team and, later, an avid fan of the Portland Trailblazers. Doris graduated valedictorian of Union High School and married her high school sweetheart, Jim Kosterman, in 1945. They raised four children - Judi, Donna, Sallee, and Rick - in an extended family that included Doris' mother, Velma, and Jim's father, Larry, who eventually married each other! All continued to live in the same loving home, that later included grandsons, Brett and Lanse, and an "adopted" granddaughter, Genea. Doris also has a great-granddaughter, Noelle Zoller. Doris was an early "supermom" with an active work life as a bookkeeper and Executive Director of the Southwest Washington Contractors Association. Doris had a deep faith and was active in church throughout her life. Known for her warm, outgoing personality, a big, genuine smile, and easy laughter, she loved, and was loved by all who knew her. While overcome by Alzheimer's in later life, her smile and loving spirit continued to shine. Her children will always know her as a beacon of unconditional love and all that a mom could ever be. Services will be held on June 5 at 3:00, at Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery, 1401 E 29th St., Vancouver, WA. In lieu of flowers, donations can

be made to the hospice providers who cared for Doris: Evergreen Health Foundation, Hospice Services, www.evergreenhealthfoundation.com/support-hospice. Please sign her Guest Book at www.columbian.com/obits.

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