



Vada Ion Wellman

April 14, 1925 - June 21, 2014

Vada I. Wellman, 89, passed away June 21, 2014 at Emeritus at Orchards Village in Vancouver, WA after a long battle with Alzheimers. She was born April 14, 1925 in Winner, SD and graduated from Winner High School. Shortly thereafter, Vada moved to Vancouver, WA to work in the Kaiser Ship Yards during World War II. She met A. E. "Bud" Wellman, and they were married Sept. 29, 1944. In addition to her work at Kaiser Ship Yards, she worked at Jantzen Knitting Mills and retired as a shipping clerk from GATX. Vada was a seamstress who also enjoyed knitting and crocheting, and was an accomplished painter. Vada was truly a "skilled artist". She loved to cook and entertain, and her family was her delight. Vada is survived by her husband, "Bud"; daughter, Marilyn Moody (husband Coy); son, Douglas Wellman (wife Dianne); four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters; and three brothers. Services will be by Evergreen Memorial Gardens with burial at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, OR, June 25, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a memorial gathering at Emeritus at Orchards Village, 10011 118th Ave., Vancouver, WA at 1:00 p.m. Friends and family are welcome at both services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lions International Foundation, 30022 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842. Please sign her guest book at www.columbian.com/obits.

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