



Eileen M. Wicks

September 18, 1921 - December 20, 2013

Eileen Wicks, 92, passed away peacefully on Friday, Dec. 20, at Tuscany Cottage in Malaga. She was born in Santa Cruz, CA, on Sept. 18, 1921, and the following year her family moved to Hollywood, CA. Eileen graduated from Hollywood High School in 1939.

Eileen will be remembered for her vivacious personality and energetic spirit. In her youth she enjoyed many sports, including skiing, speed skating and tennis. Eileen loved to dance and enjoyed many of Hollywood's hotspots including the Coconut Grove, Avalon Ballroom and Hollywood Canteen. She met and fell in love with Gordon Wicks on a dance date, and they were married on Nov. 1, 1947.

Gordon built their first home in the Altadena hills with beautiful views of Los Angeles. They moved to Granada Hills in the San Fernando Valley in 1961. In 1973, they moved to Leavenworth, WA, and built a home in the Icicle Valley. After 58 years together, he preceded her in death in 2005.

Eileen had a long and varied career in business as an executive secretary, purchaser and Realtor. She also studied fashion design. Eileen was an accomplished oil and watercolor artist and was an active founding member of the Leavenworth Art in the Park and the Wenatchee Watercolor Society.

Eileen is survived by her daughters: Chris Lachowicz and her husband, Steve, Wenatchee; Maureen Sheimo and her husband, Ted, Manson; Debbie Griffith and her husband, Steve, Arlington; one sister, Pat Dunlap, West Hills, CA; four grandchildren: Ryann Lachowicz, Seattle, Terry Lachowicz, San Francisco, Kaitlyn Griffith, Leavenworth, David Griffith, Arlington; and one great-grandson, Jaxon Kuch, Leavenworth.

Family members held a gathering of remembrance during the Christmas holidays, and no memorial service is planned. Those who wish may offer memorials in Eileen's honor to the Wenatchee Watercolor Society, 314 Sunnyslope Hts. Rd., Wenatchee, WA, 98801.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.