



Elaine Zediker Patterson Berry

September 18, 1917 - October 30, 2017

Elaine Berry peacefully passed away on October 30, 2017, surrounded by her loving family. Elaine was born on September 18, 1917, in Oroville, WA, to the late

Gertrude Fender Zediker and Claude Melvin Zediker. She was raised in Cashmere,

WA, where she graduated from Cashmere High School in 1934. She then attended

Wenatchee Business College and worked at Morris Hardware Company for four years.

In 1938, she continued her education at Washington State University where she

majored in business administration and was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

In 1943, she patriotically represented her family in World War II by enlisting in the

United States Navy. She was stationed in Norman, Oklahoma where she became the

Public Relations Secretary. In 1945, Elaine was commissioned to Ensign and sent to

Supply School at Harvard University until being promoted to Lieutenant (JG) Pay Master

at the United States Submarine Base in New London, CT. While there, she was singlehandedly responsible to pay the servicemen's payroll. She paid out over 15 million dollars in cash using twenty dollar bills and under.

In 1946, Elaine married Naval Lieutenant Commander William "Pat" Patterson of

Brooklyn, NY. Seven months later Pat was tragically killed in a mine explosion. Elaine, as a young widow, moved back to Cashmere where she worked for Green Insurance Company for two years. In 1949, Elaine moved to Seattle to begin her

insurance job with LaBow Haynes Insurance Company and in 1954, she became office

manager for their Anchorage, Alaska office. She spent five years in Alaska.

On June 16, 1960, Elaine married Lloyd G. Berry of Cashmere. In doing so, she

"inherited" two wonderful sons, Lloyd "Lind" and Richard.

In the spring and summer, Elaine and Lloyd lived in Cashmere and spent their winters as snow birds in Palm Springs.

Elaine enjoyed being a PEO member, working for the Blind Institute in Palm Springs and volunteering at Cancer Care Wenatchee.

To the family, Elaine was known as Grandma. We all adored her. She was smart, fun, adventuresome, and good-natured. She was our role model. She taught us

how to live life to the fullest and Praise God for our many blessings.

On September 18, 2017, we celebrated Elaine's 100th birthday. What an amazing woman she was.

She is survived by son, Richard Berry (Sandy); daughter-in-law, Sue Berry, wife

of the late Lloyd Lindston Berry; grandchildren: Kristen Holmberg (Erik), Leanne

Gallagher (Tom), John Berry (Brooke), Laura Berry, Sarah Paskett (Jeff), Matt

Berry

(Tricia); sixteen great grandchildren: Rawley, Lindy, Drew, and Ben Holmberg.

Lauren,

Anna, and Joey Gallagher. Ella, Ava, Jake, and Kate Berry. Joshua, Evan, and

Madeline Paskett. Bridger and Cody Berry; brother, Phil Zediker (Carol);

sister, Gwen

O'Bryan; and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Gertrude Zediker; first

husband, William Patterson; husband Lloyd G. Berry; Son, Lloyd L. Berry;

sisters, Leona Newby and

Claudia Mack; and brother, Ron Zediker.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the caregivers of

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Vista in Wenatchee who went over and above in their care for Elaine.

Elaine's life will be celebrated this Monday, November 6, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.,

at

Faith Presbyterian Church, 200 South Kentucky Avenue, East Wenatchee,

WA. In lieu

of flowers, friends who wish to make memorial donations in Elaine's name,

may donate

to the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation in order to build a new picnic shelter at

Rotary

Park, P.O. Box 1723, Wenatchee, WA 98807.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

Faith Presbyterian Church of East Wenatchee
200 S Kentucky Ave
East Wenatchee, WA 98802