



Elizabeth Marie Miller

June 29, 1916 - June 20, 2015

Elizabeth Miller passed away peacefully at Colonial Vista in Wenatchee, WA surrounded by her family on 6/20/2015. Beth was born 6/29/1916 to Marie and John Peter “JP” Weimerskirch at Mansfield, WA. She was nine days short of her 99th birthday when she passed. She was the only daughter of John Peter and Marie, and the 3rd child in her immediate family. Beth’s siblings include Mike, Willy, and Gene Weimerskirch.

Beth was a spirited and beautiful girl who loved her childhood on the family wheat ranch. She was skilled on horseback from an early age. Always determined and independent, she is remembered to have said to her father as a young child, “But poppa, I would’ve sticked on!” when he pulled her down from the back of a calf she was attempting to ride. She graduated high school from St. Joseph Academy, in Sprague, WA in 1935.

Beth married Robert Cornehl at age 20 in Waterville, WA on 11/12/1936. Robert was the love of her life and together they operated a wheat and cattle ranch at Mansfield. Beth and Robert’s one precious daughter, Karen Marie, was born in Mansfield 3/31/1941. Robert died September 1965 after 29 happy years of marriage. To her great sadness, Beth outlived her daughter Karen, who passed away of cancer in May of 2002.

Beth spent one year on the farm on her own after Robert died, having learned how to manage the business side of the operation. She moved to Seattle for a time and landed a job as a Home Decorator for Sears and Roebuck. Later she transferred to work for the Wenatchee, WA Sears store.

In March of 1969 Beth married Herb Miller of Pateros, WA and they lived together there until he passed away too soon in November of 1969. Beth returned to Wenatchee in 1971 where she lived for the rest of her life.

Beth was an avid gardener and was a dedicated life member of the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs, where she served on the state board for 10 years. She was also a life member of the Washington State Grange. She was a social person with countless friends. It was impossible to go to town with her without stopping many times to talk with all those she knew and loved. In her widowed years she traveled the world with friends and enjoyed a long and caring friendship with Hub Holmes of Wenatchee, WA. She was a devoted lifelong Catholic and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wenatchee, WA.

Beth is survived by her dear brother Gene and his wife Flora Etta, of Coulee City, WA, as well as their children and grandchildren. She is also survived by her one granddaughter, Holly Hinman of Bellingham, WA and her husband Patrick Baker. Her son-in-law, Chet Hinman, lives in Richland, WA.

Special thanks to the staff of Colonial Vista and Central Washington Hospice in Wenatchee for excellent care, and Eldon Hawkins of Jones & Jones-Betz funeral home for his personal service to the family and Elizabeth's memory. A family gathering will be held at the Mansfield, WA cemetery at a later date. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Holly, though I have never met you (at least that I remember), I am one of Hub Holmes's granddaughters. I am truly sorry to hear of the passing of Beth. Even though grandpa and her never married, but had many memories and times they shared, Beth always made us feel welcome and in away a small part of your family. Beth was a neat lady and always spoke so highly of you and her family, she was always so proud of you. She will always be apart of your heart and cherish all the memories you have of her to keep her alive. My sincere condolences in your loss and know she is always with you and looking down upon you!!*

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