



## Mildred M Sprauer

November 8, 1914 - February 9, 2010

Catherine "Mildred" Sprauer, 95, of Waterville, WA, died February 9, 2010. Mildred was born November 8, 1914, in Ephrata, WA, to Frank and Anna (Siefner) Meyer, granddaughter of Ephrata-Sagebrush Flats pioneer, Joe Meyer. Mildred lived in many different towns while growing up, graduating in 1933 from Lincoln High School in Seattle, WA. She attended St. Anthony's Nursing School in Wenatchee, graduating in 1936. Mildred worked as a Nurse at Providence Hospital in Seattle. In November 1939, Mildred married Lt. John Herron in Seattle, WA. They were based in several locations while Lt. Herron served with the U.S. Navy. Irene was born in 1940, while they were stationed at Pensacola, FL. John was lost while flying a bomber mission in the Marshall Islands in February of 1944. While working in Hawaii, she had an opportunity to work on the set of a John Wayne movie. She appeared in several scenes and had many stories to tell. Mildred and Erwin Sprauer were married February 16, 1953, in Seattle. They made their home at the family ranch northwest of Withrow, WA. Son, Joe, was born in 1954, and daughter, Jean, in 1955. Her Catholic faith was extremely important in her life. She was active in community and many church activities. In 1987, Erwin and Mildred started spending their winters in Mesa, AZ and made many friends while enjoying their time in the sun. Erwin passed away on March 25, 1992. Mildred treasured her family and their many gatherings, reading, traveling, anything chocolate and her cat, Lilly.

She is survived by her daughters, Irene (Gary) Rice of Issaquah and Jean (Edwin) Maw of Mansfield; and one son, Joe (Anita) Sprauer of Withrow; grandchildren, Gabrielle (Eric) Smith, Dan Smith, Maureen (Al) Heck, Casey Smith, Katie (Travis) Ogle, Russell Maw, Jenifer (Reid) Holcomb and Suzanne Sprauer; and 11 "grape"-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by both husbands; her parents; and siblings, Marguerite, Dorothy, Helen, William and Marylou.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Waterville, WA. Rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 15, at the Church. Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Monday at Waterville Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to the Waterville Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 400, Waterville, WA 98858-0400 or St. Joseph's Catholic Church Chair Lift Fund, P.O. Box 519, Waterville, WA 988580519. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com). Arrangements by Waterville Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Waterville Funeral Home  
303 West Locust  
Waterville, WA 98858

## Service

FEB **16**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church Waterville  
101 E. Poplar  
Waterville, WA 98858  
(509) 745-8205

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**Eric McDowell** - February 15, 2010 at 01:37 PM



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**jen holcomb** - February 10, 2010 at 08:57 PM



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**anita sprauer** - February 12, 2010 at 07:54 AM