



Vilda "Vi" Gossman

September 15, 1927 - February 24, 2019

Vilda C Gossman, 91, of Wenatchee, WA, went into the resting arms of the Lord, on Saturday, February 24th, after a 13-year journey with dementia. She was born September 15, 1927 in Sage, Arkansas to Cleddie and Amelia Marlin. She was raised on a farm in Melbourne Arkansas and graduated from Melbourne Highschool in 1945, though she was very much a part of the Wenatchee Highschool class of 1945 as well. During her teenage years her family traveled to the Wenatchee area to work in the fruit industry. She was the first woman budder at C&O Nursery where she worked in 1943 during World War II. After graduation, Vi returned to Wenatchee to start a new life. She worked at C&O Nursery and Cedergreens. It was there she met her future husband, Philip Gossman. They were married October 2nd, 1947. They were married for over 39 years with Phil passing away just shy of their 40th anniversary.

Together they raised five children, Diane, Rick, Teresa, Tami and Ami. They had five acres of cherries they farmed, which now holds the name Gossman Lane. Vi was a beautiful seamstress, able to create anything. She made her daughter's wedding gowns and sewed for many. Truly talented. She was very active in several organizations over the years including The Girl Scouts, United Cerebral Palsy, and St Damians Guild. She had a wonderful group of ladies she played pinochle with, loved to golf, go for walks, dance, and serve. She is survived by her children; Rick Gossman (Wanda) of Orting WA, and her daughters; Teresa Bissill, Tami Lenny (Tom) both of Wenatchee and Ami

Gossman of Spokane, WA, 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren with one on the way, and 6 great-great grandchildren, and her two sisters, Betty Jo Evans and Dorinda Jones both in Arkansas.

She was preceded in by her husband, her oldest daughter Diane, three infant children, and her brother, Rayburn (Pete) Marlin.

Her family would like to thank all the many caregivers over the years who have loved her well, and her final home and hospice nurse who helped create a warm, cozy and peaceful environment.

Mass will be celebrated on Monday March 11, 2019 at 10 A.M at St. Joseph's Catholic Church 625 S. Elliott Ave, Wenatchee. The family invites you to a luncheon immediately following the service at the church. Interment will follow at Wenatchee City Cemetery at 2 P.M.