



Anne Ryan

August 13, 1915 - July 16, 2011

Anne H. Ryan, age 94, of Spokane passed away on November 11, 2009 in Spokane. Anne was born on August 13, 1915, the daughter of Grace and Floyd Houck in Westerheim, North Dakota. In 1924 the family moved to Beach, where Anne graduated from high school with the class of 1933. After high school, she completed a business school program and moved to Garrison, North Dakota. While in Garrison, Anne worked for a bank for two years before moving to Medora, North Dakota and began working for Billings County. In Medora, Anne met her husband, Bill Ryan. They married in 1935 and moved to Bismarck, North Dakota. In 1937 her son Michael was born. In 1942, Bill was drafted into the Army and by 1943, Anne moved to San Francisco, California, where she worked for the Internal Revenue Service. At the end of the war in 1945 Anne moved to Spokane. Once in Spokane, Anne began working for the Northern Pacific Railroad and continued to work there until her retirement in the 1980's. Anne highly valued education, so during the 1950's she began taking night school to earn a college degree. In 1959, Anne's hard work and determination earned her a degree in social work from Holy Names, in Spokane. In 1992 Anne moved to the Riverview retirement Community, where she lived until her death. Anne was an avid reader, she also found time to enjoy her music, gardening and travel. During Beach's Centennial Celebration and All School Reunion in 2009, Anne was believed to be the oldest person attending from a Beach Graduation class. Anne is survived by her son, Michael (Jonette), of Everett, Washington; grandchildren,

Rosann Ryan of Lake Stevens, Washington, Colleen McGee of Hillsboro, Oregon, and Kelly Ryan of Seattle, Washington; and five great-grandchildren. Anne was dearly loved and will be missed by her family, friends and her Riverview Family.

Tribute Wall



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