



Leah Nadine Driggs

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Nadine Driggs, 100, peacefully passed away in her sleep early morning Friday, September 21, 2018, at Moses Lake in her independent living apartment.

Nadine was born October 11, 1917, in Goble, Oregon, to Raymond Glenwood Grimshaw and Golda Bell Thomas Grimshaw. She was the eldest of 9 children of whom 7 proceeded her in death: Wallace Leroy, Troy Raymond, Vertis Junior, Enid Artina, John Hugh, Laurel Glenwood, and Mona Wava. Her youngest sibling, Vern Ellis, resides at Hacienda Heights, California.

Nadine married Delbert Driggs on July 7, 1936, at Vancouver, Washington. He proceeded her in death in 2011 at Moses Lake. Together they had five children, three whom also proceeded her: Bonnie Jean, Ramona Leah and Janice Lee. Samuel Raymond with his wife LaRee Hull Driggs resides at Austin, Texas, and CherylKay Driggs Elkins resides at Moses Lake.

Nadine's direct descendants totaled 59. She had five children; twelve grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; twenty-eight great-grandchildren, and fourteen great-great-grandchildren.

Nadine spent her early years in Goble, Oregon. She met Del when she traveled by bus to visit family who had recently moved from Goble to Finley, Washington. They were soon married and lived there for a very short time then to Goble and from there to Mason City (now Coulee Dam), Washington and back to Finley.

In 1942 they moved to Moses Lake, the place they called "home" for 76 years. There were several exceptions that took her away from Moses Lake for short periods of time, but she always had a longing to return. These places included: Portland, Or; Yakima, Washington; Palmdale, California; Seattle, Washington; Clear, Alaska; Santa Barbara, California; Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands; Saigon, Vietnam; and Thailand.

Her husband, Del, could not have had a better loving wife. She cared for him for 75 years. Nadine followed him to various places of employment. She herself was often employed handling payrolls and other clerical functions. In the early 50's, she and a friend had for a short period of time opened and managed a baby and child's clothing store in downtown Moses Lake called the Judeen Shop.

She was an excellent mother and grandmother always caring for family. Her cooked meals were second to none and she loved to have immediate family, relatives and friends at her dinner table. She took great delight in serving others. She was still preparing her own meals right up to the time of her passing.

Nadine always had a smile on her face. She loved to play games and she was very good at them. She enjoyed emailing, doing research on her computer, doing jigsaw puzzles and reading novels among other activities. She was an avid Seattle Mariners baseball fan and rarely missed watching their games on television. The Mariners honored her during a game on her 100th birthday.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for 11:00 am, Saturday, October 27th at the Moses Lake Presbyterian Church, 1142 W Ivy Ave. Family and friends are invited. Sign online guestbook at www.kayserschapel.com

Previous Events

Service

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church
1142 W. Ivy
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

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“Nadine, just 20 days short of her 101st birthday, peacefully passed away in her sleep early morning Fri., Sep. 21, 2018, at Moses Lake. Throughout her life she was greatly loved by her children, brothers and sisters, and other family members.

Nadine was born October 11, 1917 in Goble, Oregon, to Raymond Glenwood Grimshaw (1896-1969) and Golda Bell Thomas Grimshaw (1900-1980). She was the eldest of 9 children of whom 7 preceded her in death: Wallace Leroy (1918-1919), Troy Raymond (1920-2014), Vertis Junior (1922-1962), Enid Artina (1924-2018), John Hugh (1926-2017, Laurel Glenwood (1928-2001) and Mona Wava (1930-2008). Her younger brother and the youngest sibling, Vern Ellis (1934-), resides at Hacienda Heights, California.

Nadine md. Delbert H Driggs (1918-2011) on July 7, 1936, at Vancouver, WN. He preceded her in death on 16 May 2011 at Moses Lake. Together they had five children, three whom also preceded her: Bonnie Jean (1937-2017), Ramona Leah (1940-1940) and Janice Lee (1942-1994). Samuel Raymond (1939-) with his wife LaRee Alice Hull Driggs (1942-) resides at Austin, TX and Cheryl Kay Driggs Elkins (1944-) resides at Moses Lake. Nadine's direct posterity totaled 59. She had five (5) children; twelve (12) grandchildren; four (4) step-grandchildren; twenty-eight (28) G-grandchildren, and fourteen (14) GG-grandchildren.

Nadine spent all her early years in Goble, OR. She met Del when she traveled to Finley, WN, to visit her cousin who lived next to the Driggs family. When she arrived in Finley and met Delbert there was an immediate attraction and they soon married. They stayed in Finley for a short period, then moved to Goble, from Goble to Coulee Dam and back to Finley.

In 1942 they moved to Moses Lake, the place they always called “home” for 76 years. There were a number of exceptions that took her away for short periods. These included: Portland, OR, Yakima & Seattle, WA, Palmdale & Santa Barbara, CA, Clear, AK; Kwajalein

Atoll in the Marshall Islands; Saigon, Vietnam; and Pattya, Thailand. They spent many winters in Yuma, Arizona.

Del, could not have had a better loving wife. She cared for him for 75 years. He passed away just 7-1/2 weeks before their 75th wedding anniversary. Nadine was often employed handling payrolls and finances.

She was an excellent mother and grandmother. Her cooked meals were second to none and she loved to have family and friends at her table to eat. She took great delight in serving others. Nadine always had a smile on her face.

Nadine loved to play games and she was very good at them. Over the many years she loved to play pinochle, Mah Jong, poker, gin rummy, canasta, dominoes, bridge, scrabble, and Uno. She was a very avid Seattle Mariners baseball fan and rarely missed watching their games on TV. The Mariners honored her during a game on her 100th birthday in 2017. Most of her family gathered around her and celebrated her 100th.

Nadine had many adventures. She has hopped railroad freight cars; weeded fields of onions & potatoes; loaded watermelons onto trucks; survived the bitter cold & bears in Alaska; walked the warm sandy beaches of Kwajalein Atoll, taught English to children in Thailand; traveled to India and visited the Taj Mahal at Aqra; was in a canoe touching the waters of the Ganges River; watched the sunrise over Mount Everest; visited her brother, Laurel, in a hostile war zone in Vietnam; survived a close encounter on a remote jungle road with the Vietcong rebels of North Vietnam; witnessed the 1968 Tet Offensive by the Vietcong; was narrowly missed by a bullet that had been shot through the wall of the barracks she was staying in, bouncing off of the wall next to her bed and onto the floor.

She was loved by all who knew her and she has left a wonderful heritage for her family to follow. Her smile, love towards all, energy, talents and enthusiasm for life are all traits to be emulated.

By Samuel Driggs and Cheryl Driggs Elkins

Samuel R Driggs - October 14, 2018 at 12:48 PM

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“ *Nadine was so nice and joyful every time I saw her. This pioneer of Moses Lake will be missed and I feel lucky to have known her.* ”

Ann Schempp - October 05, 2018 at 06:42 PM

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Thank you Ann. Cheryl Driggs Elkins

Cheryl Elkins - October 07, 2018 at 09:33 PM

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“ *Condolences to the family. Nadine was a wonderful woman with a beautiful spirit. She kept me on my toes at work. She will be missed.* ”



Regina Hovgaard - October 01, 2018 at 08:06 PM

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Thank you Regina. Cheryl

Cheryl Elkins - October 07, 2018 at 09:35 PM

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I knew Nadine through her daughter, Cheryl Elkins, with whom I worked. I always admired Nadine's "can do" attitude. Having given Nadine an African Violet when she was in a nursing home, I was amazed that she was able to make it bloom again and again. Her daughter said that she had a green thumb and one had to believe it. I know she will be missed by many, and remembered by many more.

Cheryl Hughes

Cheryl L Hughes - October 09, 2018 at 02:51 PM