



Viola Ekstedt

May 15, 1923 - June 1, 2019

Viola (Vi) Ekstedt was called to her eternal rest on June 1, 2019. Vi Vorderbrueggen was born to Frank & Mary Vorderbrueggen on May 15, 1923 in Ogema, Minnesota. The family moved to the Longview, Washington area when she was five years old. There, they spent nine months where she stated, "we almost starved to death." With her father unable to find steady work, her parents decided to move back to Minnesota. On the trip east, her dad was asked to travel through Noxon, Montana to view some land that his friend had purchased, sight-unseen. Arriving in Noxon in July of 1929, her father was able to find work, and it was decided that Vi would start first grade in the fall. The family stayed in Noxon, where Vi graduated from high school in 1941. Vi married Bradley Ekstedt in Missoula, MT on April 18, 1942. They moved to Moses Lake, Washington in 1951. Viola worked at Samaritan Hospital in the kitchen for several years, and then began working with Brad in their Insurance Agency until his retirement. Brad and Vi had three children: Elaine (Richard) Wagner of Indiana, Diana Ekstedt of Moses Lake and Gary (Michele) Ekstedt of New Mexico.

Vi was preceded in death by her parents, sister Elizabeth and brother Albert, and by her husband Brad, who passed away on November 5, 2001. She is survived by her three children, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She and Brad were long time members of Grace Lutheran Church and she will be laid to rest alongside her loving husband in Pioneer Memorial Gardens. A graveside memorial service will be held on Monday, July

29 at 10:30 AM.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL **29**. 10:30 AM (PT)

Pioneer Memorial Gardens
14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA

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