



Leona W. DeMarco

October 16, 1918 - April 10, 2016

Bend, Oregon Leona W. DeMarco, age 97 years, passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by family April 10, 2016 in Bend, Oregon. She was born October 16, 1918 in Keewatin, Minnesota the 7th of 11 children, born to Joseph and Clara Petroske both from Pioneer families in Minnesota and Wisconsin. She graduated from Keewatin High School and went on to beautician school in Boise, Idaho and later worked in jewelry sales in Hibbing Minnesota. In 1948, Leona married John DeMarco in Hibbing MN. They had 6 children while living in Brainerd, MN and three more children after moving to Yuba City, CA, where John established two thriving Credit Bureaus. In 1964 the family moved to Oregon with stops in Cottage Grove and Eugene, finally setting down roots in Bend in 1976. Leona was very devoted to her children and loved each of them equally. She had a deep, abiding Catholic faith, filled with prayer and service. She was a member of St. Francis Church, Catholic Daughters, The Swing Choir and The Altar Society. She was very supportive of the Rosie Barris Center. Leona loved to; sing, garden, arrange flowers, play cards, bake yummy cookies and cinnamon rolls. She loved music, good food (Eaten slowly and gratefully) and trips to Las Vegas. In addition, she loved to entertain and could out-last anyone at a party. Leona always had a simple open invitation to family and friends, Come see me. She always demonstrated great stamina and courage, like when she evacuated her children during the disastrous flooding of their home in Yuba City, California on Christmas Eve, 1955. Leona is survived by her loving children; Ray (Jane) of Portland, OR,

Jerome (Margaret) of Tigard, OR, John (Diane) Eugene, OR, Clare (Gary) March, Spokane, WA, Mary (Ed) Griswold, Friday Harbor, WA Richard (Deborah) Bend, OR, James (Luanne) Portland, OR , Sister, Joanne Horgan of Salt Lake City Utah, 14 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

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