



Tillie Ruth Durham

January 1, 1922 - February 21, 2015

Tillie Ruth Durham, age 93, passed away at Ridgewater in Bend, Oregon, on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015. Born January 1, 1922, in Bear Creek, Montana, she lived in Des Moines, Iowa, Pico Rivera, Calif. and Santa Paula, Calif. before retiring in Bend in 1990. Tillie's flair for fashion moved her to a successful career owning her own dress shop, "Duvons" in Downey, Calif. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kent her beloved son Dennis and her sisters Anne, Mary and Helen. Services will be held at 4:30 p.m. on, Friday, Feb. 27, at the Niswonger-Reynolds Chapel, 105 NW Irving Ave. Bend, OR. Relatives and friends are welcome. Tillie will be buried in Rose Hills Memorial Cemetery in Whittier, Calif. Memorial contributions are welcome and should be mailed to Partners in Care Hospice, 2075 NE Wyatt Ct., Bend, OR 97701 of Bend.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

Tribute Wall

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“ I Mary Gurgevich (91 Years old) am terribly hurt and disturbed that Gary and Suzanne Grunn did not contact me to tell me that my Aunt Tillie was failing and died. Neither was I informed of her funeral or memorial services. She was the last of my living relatives, my only living Aunt left and we were very close and were in contact with one another. My mother, Ruby (Violet) was Tillies older sister. My mothers name was not mentioned in the Obituary, neither was Tillies brother Daniel who also preceded Tillie in death. None of the surviving members of the family were mentioned of which I was her very closest relative. My daughter who loved and adored Tillie and spent hours talking to her on the phone is also devastated. We believe this can not be an oversight because Pamela, my daughter, spoke extensively and on more than one occasion to Mr. Grunn about Tillie and about taking her to the doctor. He has our phone number and address. Our beloved Aunt Tillies death certainly warranted a personal phone call from the Grunns who were not blood relatives but Tillies neighbors, in charge of informing us. Our trust has been shattered. We found out about Aunt Tillies death when I asked Pamela to check on her through the computer and found out only on the internet that she had died. This is unforgivable! We called the last home where she had been placed by the Grunns and they told us that her Grandson had also not been informed that she died and that they didnt understand why the Grunns didnt inform us and that they were very sorry and understood our feelings. We feel this to be deeply wrong and devastating and insulting to myself and to my family and most of all to the memory of my Aunt Tillie. If the Grunns knew Tillie as I do, theyd know that she would be extremely hurt and infuriated by this. Weve reached out to other family members who are also perplexed about how this was handled. Weve been ignored, know nothing and have not been contacted about anything. If theres anything you know or anything that our Aunt Tillie might of said to you, please contact us at 520-577-1779. We love you so much Aunt Tillie as we always said over and over to one another on the phone! Often it was hard to hang up! Were sorry we didnt know of your passing and memorial and were unable to pay our respects and send flowers as

we would have liked to. How can we possibly make up for it now or forgive this grievous insensitivity! Im too old to fly anymore, Ive been in ill health and require ongoing care by my beloved daughter and by my doctors so we talked to Aunt Tillie by phone. My heart is absolutely broken! This was my last living blood relative and I will never see her again to talk to her. Tillie and I grew up in the same house when I was a child with my grandparents. We were very close and there are many, many memories. At this point, we dont even know if there are any photographs or family memorabilia that would be available to myself and my daughter. We also sent pictures to Aunt Tillie and gifts, some of which she said she didnt receive. So, if anyone spoke to her or has information they can provide that will ease our pain, please call. Thank you and God Bless You, Mary and Pamela Gurgevich

Mary and daughter Pamela Gurgevich - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM