

Betty Jean Spencer Ehlers

Pendleton

July 11, 1928-December 31, 2014

Betty Jean Spencer Ehlers was born July 11, 1928, in Nampana, Idaho, and died December 31, 2014, in Pendleton, Oregon. She was the daughter of Susan Mildred Young Spencer and Richard Ayres Spencer, and was born the youngest of 8 children. Betty passed away peacefully after a short illness surrounded by family.

She graduated from the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho, and while on the debate team there she met the love of her life, Leeroy Otto Ehlers. They married in 1949, and moved to Oregon, where they lived for the 55 years of their marriage. They raised three children, Jonathan (Jon), Martha Ehlers Simonds, and Sara Ehlers Crawford (Sally). Together Betty and Leeroy were role models in their Christian faith, and were long time members of Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton. They loved to entertain, and Betty enjoyed their dinner club and sharing recipes with close friends in Pendleton. She brought enthusiasm, energy and organization to everything she did. She enjoyed reading a good book, volunteering, good food, musicals and time with friends and family.

Betty also enjoyed her professional life as the Women's Editor at the *East Oregonian*, and was an active

participant in community organizations, including a long membership in the philanthropic group, P.E.O. Chapter EM and, along with Leeroy, in Lion's Club.

Betty was a quiet woman with a strong personal foundation. She was intelligent and faithful, extremely well loved, and will be missed by all who knew her.

We will miss her earthly presence, spirit, sense of humor, gifts of empathy and ability to empower others. May God grant her eternal peace.

A viewing will be held Friday, January 9, at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop from 12:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 10th at Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton, Oregon. A reception will follow.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leeroy Ehlers, five sisters (Katherine West, Virginia Smith, Lillie Moore, Michelle Kadie and Marguerite Brown), two brothers (Paul and Donald Spencer), and her parents. She leaves behind Jon (Theresa) Ehlers, Marti (Ron) Simonds and Sara (Marcus) Crawford, as well as grandchildren Tonya Simonds and Kenneth (Rachael) Arthur, and several great-grandchildren.



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