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## Patricia Mary Ellen Emert Pettyjohn

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Patricia Mary Ellen Emert Pettyjohn, 93, passed away July 28 in The Dalles, Oregon. Born November 28, 1923, in Plummer, Idaho, she was the youngest of the 13 children of William A. and Mary Catherine (Ogle) Emert.

The family moved several times during her childhood and finally settled near Lone in 1930. Known as Pat or Trishie to her many friends and relatives, she and her widowed mother moved to Hermiston where she attended school and worked for L.A. Moore at his movie theater and drug store.

After graduating Hermiston High School in 1942 she moved to Spokane, Washington, to attend Kinman Business School, earning a two-year degree. She married Lee H. Pettyjohn of Lone, May 6, 1945. The newlyweds lived at Camp Pendleton, California, for several months, waiting for Lee's discharge from the Marine Corps following his World War II deployment in the South Pacific.

After his tenure with the Marines, they moved to the Circle W Ranch owned by Mark V. Weatherford, near the Olex community, south of Arlington, Oregon. They lived there until 1966 when they purchased the Van Hubbard place and moved to Eight Mile Canyon to live there through Lee's life and until Pat sold her home in 2010 and moved to the Rock Creek home of daughter Patti, near Condon.

Pat established a reputation as an excellent cook and also a reputation as a dedicated community supporter, helping with school and community events. Her baking and cooking skills led her to compete in county fairs and established her as a wonderful 4-H cooking club leader for many years in both the Olex and Lone communities. She had many interests and hobbies throughout her life but her love of flower gardening, collecting memorabilia for scrapbooks and wood working stayed with her all her life. Friends and family members have all received gifts hand made by Pat in her wood working shop and she had just recently completed scrapbooks for each of the grandkids. Her big project that she had been working on for the past several years was compiling all of the letters, cards and memorabilia she had collected and saved from her family into a book telling the story of her life with them.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; her siblings, brothers Delbert, Arland, Clarence, Beecher, Dee, Phil, Alfred and infant Delmer Emert and sisters, Blanche Ward, Beulah Dunham and infant twins Lillie and Lillard; her husband of 37 years, Lee; and their infant son, Jerry Wayne.

She is survived by daughter Nancy Lee Miller (Charles Monagle) and grandchildren Kristin Miller, Justin Miller (Nikki) and Kara Gentry (Mike); daughter Patricia Sue Kayser and grandchildren Trevor McCoin (Trish), Katie Garthwaite (Mike) and Kelli Reed (Richard); and daughter Marianne Sharp and grandchildren James Sharp, Melissa Sharp and Jared Sharp; nine great-grandchildren: Payton, Piper and Rhett Miller, Kadence and Madison Gentry, Gracie Garthwaite and Millee, Mackinzee and Monnee McCoin; and many nieces and nephews.

A luncheon for family and friends will be held at the lone Community Church on Saturday, August 5 at 11:30 a.m., followed with a graveside celebration of life at 5:00 p.m. at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to Albertina Kerr, 424 N.E. 22nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97232, or a charity of choice.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the online condolence book at [www.burnsmortuary.com](http://www.burnsmortuary.com).

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