

Rhoda Hughson Vaughan

Walla Walla

August 8, 1918-January 5, 2014

Rhoda Hughson Vaughan passed away peacefully at Wheatland Village in Walla Walla on January 5, 2015. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 9, 2015, at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second, Pendleton. Interment will follow at Olney Cemetery.

She is survived by her daughter, Catherine Diener and her son-in-law Steven Diener. She was predeceased in death by her husband of 52 years, Thomas Vaughan Jr., and her daughter, Jule Elizabeth Vaughan.



Vaughan

She was born in Fettercairn, Scotland, August 8, 1918. Her parents, Andrew Hughson and Harriett Johnson, brought her and her brother and two sisters to the United States in 1919. Her mother passed away in 1921 and she was raised by her father and stepmother, Mary Hughson, in Sharon, Pennsylvania.

She graduated from Sharon High School and was employed by the local phone company as an operator for a short time. She became the receptionist at Wilson's

Furniture Store where she worked for several years until she met a young engineer for Westinghouse, Tom Vaughan. They were married in July 1943. After the war, they moved to San Francisco where Tom was again employed as an engineer for Westinghouse.

In 1953 the family moved to Pendleton where Tom joined his father on the family farm. After her daughters left home for college, Rhoda opened a boutique in her home specializing in upscale women's clothing. She continued to run her shop until she was

in her late 70s. Vaughan's Boutique was the delight of her life next to Tom and the girls. She lived in Pendleton until the death of her daughter Jule in 2010. She moved to Walla Walla and lived there until her death.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Walla Walla Community Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.pioneerchapel.com

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The Plymouth facility — located across the Columbia River from Umatilla — is used for storing of natural gas off the main Northwest pipeline. Gas is cooled into a liquid state at minus 260 degrees Fahrenheit, and held in the identical tanks until needed elsewhere throughout the region. Both tanks are capable of holding up to 14 million gallons of material.

With approximately 3,900 miles of transmission pipe, the Williams Northwest Pipeline is the main artery for carrying natural gas through Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and Colorado.

Last year's explosion forced residents living within a mile of the facility to evacuate their homes for more than a day while emergency responders dealt with the threat of leaking natural gas. Five employees were treated for injuries, including one who was sent to a Portland hospital with burns.

An investigation into the incident is now being led by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. Their findings will be made public once

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play games here or hardball, but I don't think we've got the votes on this board to get the directors to do profit sharing or something in that line," he said to emphatic nods from several board members.

Chance said Umatilla County, Morrow County, the Port of Morrow, the Port of Umatilla and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation had pulled together the authority because they thought they stood "the best chance to move the property." But if the Army wanted to take on that role instead, he said, the important thing to the local entities was to get the property on the tax rolls and generate jobs.