



## Mary E. Kearl

September 18, 1930 - August 20, 2016

In the early hours of Saturday morning, August 20, 2016, Mary E. Kearl quietly left this world for the next surrounded by her family at the age of 85. She follows her husband, Ray D. Kearl after his death in March and we know now that they are dancing across heaven together. She is also preceded by her son, Dennis Kearl and an infant daughter. Mary is survived by her two daughters and son-in-law, Ginger Lawrence, Cyndi and Kirk Stuart, as well as her two sisters, Jackie McMican and Isabelle Thompson along with two grandchildren and their partners; Lace Lawrence and Nick Aadland, Justin and Julie Lawrence, and her great-grandchildren Tristan and Beau.

Mary was born in Marion, KY, September 18, 1930 but moved to Toppenish in the late 1947 with her parents, Milam (Mack) and Irene (Macky) McMican after graduating from high school in Kentucky. From there Mary went on to graduate from Griffin Business College in Seattle and even attended modeling school while living on the west side. Then in 1952, as fate would have it, she temporarily returned home waiting to move to Hawaii and worked at CalPac for a few months. While working there, she met Norma Wilson who introduced Mary to her brother Ray Kearl. The rest, as they say, is history. Hawaii forgotten, Mary and Ray married on July 24, 1953 and spent the next 63 years building a life and a family together. They spent the first few years of marriage in Oakland, CA but realized that Toppenish was their home.

She was active for years in the valley in her work with the Alfalfa Grange, the Toppenish Junior Rodeo, The Eagles, 4-H Leader, The Red Hatters, and many more. Mary also went back to work in the 1980s after more than 25 years of raising children to work for the Toppenish Sales Yard and then Gama Foods in Harrah, WA retiring as their Office Manager. She also never missed her children's or grandchildren's events or games for more than five decades.

Services will be held Thursday, August 25, 2016 at Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home in Toppenish, beginning at 1 pm. Instead of flowers, the family is asking for donation to The Cottage in the Meadow or the Yakima Warriors.

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# Comments

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“ Pearl Ermey & family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary E. Kearl.



Pearl Ermey & family - August 23, 2016 at 11:09 PM

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“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mary E. Kearl.



August 23, 2016 at 10:10 PM