



Marguerite Agnes Olson

April 7, 1919 - June 22, 2021

Marguerite Olson was born April 7, 1919, near Ravenna, Nebraska. She passed away June 22, 2021, in Spokane. She was 102 years old.

Marguerite grew up on the family farm in Buffalo County with her parents, Thomas and Anna (Macek) Blaschko, and older siblings Barney and Alice. After graduating high school, she taught first through eighth grade in a one-room school house for four years. On weekends, she played trumpet in the seven-piece Clara Skala and Her All-Girl Orchestra. Marguerite claimed she earned more in a weekend playing trumpet than she did in a month teaching school. She came to Spokane during World War II and worked as a civilian employee at Fairchild Air Force Base. Her many career ventures in the region included managing the Kaniksu Lodge dining room at Lake Pend Oreille and she later owned and operated the Talache Lodge. In Spokane she renovated houses, operated a dry cleaning business on the South Hill and worked as a beautician. She also enjoyed elk hunting trips with her brother, and she continued to play trumpet with Lora Brown and Her All-Girl Orchestra.

Marguerite met her late husband, Lewis Olson, at a snowmobile party, and they were married in 1976. She spent the rest of her life living at their Mt. Hope farmhouse as she energetically entertained family and friends, golfed at Wandermere Golf Course, played bridge with a group of women at the Harvest Moon restaurant in Rockford and wintered for a number of years in

Apache Junction, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis, and step-daughter Carol Nielson. She is survived by a sister-in-law, Lois Blasko, and numerous nieces and nephews and their families.