



Phyllis Schimling

December 3, 1926 - June 1, 2021

Born December 3, 1926, in Bowman, ND Phyllis (Hollenbeck) (Nee) Schimling was the seventh child of Harry and Beula Hollenbeck's eight children. She was raised on the family homestead in Slope County, ND until age nine when she moved with her parents to Tekoa, Wash. In her teens, she cleaned houses, roved peas, babysat, loved dancing, and played high school basketball. After graduating from Tekoa High, Phyllis moved to Spokane and worked as a secretary for IBEW. There she met Charles (Chuck) Nee a young radio announcer, who kept finding excuses to visit the office. They were married in Spokane and moved to Tacoma where their four children were born. While complaining that she didn't have much of a voice, Phyllis enjoyed singing in the choir at Grace Lutheran in South Tacoma. She also enjoyed bowling, bridge, and pinochle. The family moved to Puyallup and later to Kent, Wash. There she earned her real estate license. After moving to San Jose, Calif., with Chuck and her youngest daughter, she passed the California realtor exam. In retirement, Phyllis and Chuck returned to Washington, buying a 20-acre farm in Buckley. There she took up oil painting, treated her grandchildren to gathering eggs, putting up applesauce, feeding chickens and cows, and games of Wiffle ball. A few years after Chuck died, Phyllis, while attending a funeral, ran into widower John Schimling, a former member of the Grace choir. After a brief courtship Phyllis (80) married John (92). They shared a love of music, dancing, and family and were active in their church. The pair relocated to San Luis Obispo living near Phyllis' youngest. John

passed in 2013. Phyllis is survived by two daughters and two sons, three grandsons, four granddaughters, a step-granddaughter, two great-grandsons, and her much-loved big little brother. Remembrances in lieu of flowers can be made to Wilshire Hospice, 285 South Street, Suite J, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. A Graveside Service is scheduled for 1 pm on June 12 at the Goldenrod Cemetery in Tekoa, WA followed by a Memorial Reception at the Tekoa Events Center.

Cemetery Details

Tekoa Goldenrod Cemetery

Tekoa, WA 99033

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 12. 1:00 PM (PT)

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