



Wilma Belle Thompson

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Wilma B. Thompson (Sawyer), beloved wife, loving mother, adoring Grandma and Great Grandma, passed peacefully on February 12 in Lacey, WA. She was 100 years old. She lived and loved large, which was a benefit to all who knew her. Wilma was born in Seattle, WA, on October 10, 1921, as their only child to Hester and Elmer Sawyer. She spent most of her childhood with her adoring parents in Lester and Auburn. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1940 and attended business school after her graduation.

During the war she worked for the Department of Civil Engineers in Seattle. On January 31, 1945, Wilma married her sweetheart, Tommy, who remained by her side for 56 years. They moved to Lakewood in 1961 from Auburn, where they lived for 53 years. They enjoyed life together with their active involvement in the Lakewood Elks and Faith (Lewis) Chapter OES. They were avid campers and shared their love of life with their camping group.

Wilma was very musical! She enjoyed dancing; singing; and playing the piano, organ, and harp. She easily shared her musical talents with all of us. She served as the organist for both Faith (Lewis) Chapter OES and for the Lakewood Elks for many years. Her favorite instrument was her harp, which she started playing at age 8 and traveled to Seattle from Auburn every week for her lessons.

Wilma will be remembered for her honest observations, her undying humor, her laugh, and her love of life. She had a great sense of humor and loved a good joke. Her laugh was infectious and could be heard throughout the room. She collected many friends and shared her love of life with each of them. She was always “on the go” to visit her many friends. Being a friend is a gift, and Wilma definitely knew how to be a great friend.

Wilma is pre-deceased by her husband, Walter L. Thompson, and her parents. She is survived by her daughter, Dawne (Cliff) Schmidt of Lacey; her granddaughter, Tara (Kevin) Nigh of Arlington;



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and her four great grandchildren, Ashlyn, Kyleigh, Briah, and Tyler of Arlington. She loved her little family, and always shared a hug, a gift, and her pearls of wisdom with us. We miss her but know she is safe in the love of God.

Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, March 15, at 11 a.m. followed by Graveside Memorial Service at:

Mountain View Funeral Home and Cemetery

4100 Steilacoom Blvd. S.W.

Tacoma, WA 98499

There will be a reception following the Graveside Memorial Service at First Baptist Church of Lakewood.



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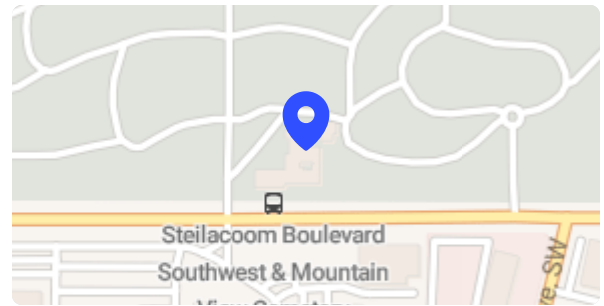
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Funeral Service


 **Tuesday**, March 15, 2022


 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT


 **Garden Chapel**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood WA
98499



Graveside Service

 **Tuesday**, March 15, 2022

 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM PT

 **Mountain View Funeral Home & Memorial Park**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98499



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wilma by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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