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Essey Wolfrom, a 50-year Gig Harbor resident, passed away on May 29, 2006. Nearly 90-years old, she is survived by her son Dan, daughter-in-law Joen, grandchildren and their families, Danielle, Mike, Jack, and Joseph Githens; Dane Wolfrom; David and Cheri Wolfrom, and life-long friend Pat Weeks. As a dedicated social worker and social service administrator, Essey's 30-year career included working in social services, family services, child welfare, and corrections. She worked tirelessly to build programs and seek solutions for people who needed help, particularly children. She was the supervisor of social services in Tacoma, a family service specialist; and the first director of the Work & Training Release Program at the Purdy Treatment Center for Women. She was an active member of the Tacoma Area Urban League. In 1978 Essey was awarded "Social Worker of the Year" in Washington because of her outstanding contributions and record of service. After retiring in 1975, Essey continued working as an advocate for people in crisis and those with special needs. She was well known for her long-term volunteer community work in numerous social-service organizations in the Tacoma area. Essey loved life and all that it offered her. A service in celebration of Essey will take place at Mountain View (4100 Steilacoom Blvd, Lakewood) in the Garden Chapel on Thursday, June 8th at 3pm. Donations can be made to the Essey Wolfrom Memorial Scholarship Fund, a fund dedicated to helping students entering the field of social work (Columbia Bank).



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Anonymous posted:

Mel, What a blessing to have such a great father. We are lucky to have known him. Pat and Lillian##imported-begin##Pat and Lillian Kelly##imported-end##

December 10 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you deal with the loss of your dad. Our memories of Roy are of his always cheerful nature and big smile. We remember how much he enjoyed working at the Safeco Classic. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Bob & Peg Steiner##imported-end##

December 7 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts go out to you, Mel, and all of your family. It seems that your father lived a very rich life. Bless you family, Terry & Rosana##imported-begin##Terry Cogle##imported-end##

December 7 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I met Roy as a new (scared) attorney representing parolees on their way back into prison at Shelton some 30+ years ago. He treated everyone, cons and lawyers alike, respectfully. He was a professional. I appreciated it. I immediately recognized his photo in the News Tribune and wrote to offer my condolences for your loss.##imported-begin##Richard Phillips##imported-end##

December 6 at 6:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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