



## Marjorie Hohnstein Kennerud

February 13, 1924 - January 19, 2024

Marjorie Hohnstein Kennerud passed away peacefully on January 19, 2024 in Wenatchee, just short of her 100th birthday.

Marje, the oldest of seven children, was born in Seattle on February 13, 1924, to Clarence and Ida Parker. Her early years were spent on a farm near Amboy, Washington during the depression. Marje and her sister Elinor traveled with their father during summer vacations selling car parts. His sales route covered multiple states including Oregon and Washington. This was the beginning of Marje's lifelong love of travel.

At the age of 17, Marje graduated Battle Ground High School. She met and fell in love with Henry Hohnstein marrying him April 27, 1943. Marje lived in San Diego during World War II while her husband served as a quartermaster in the Navy. They welcomed their first child at the San Diego Naval Hospital. Following the war, Marje and Henry moved to Portland, Oregon. In addition to being a bookkeeper for her husband's business, Marje was active in Sacajawea grade school and was instrumental in developing a school lunch program. She was also a Brownie leader during this period.

In 1956, Marje and Henry moved to Soap Lake where they built and ran the Royal View Motel. She was active in the community, including the Chamber of Commerce and the Soap Lake Senior Center. She was a leader for both Camp Fire Girls and 4-H. As busy as she was, Marje was always there to help others who needed her. Marje loved her family and friends.

After thirty years of running the Royal View Motel in Soap Lake, Marje retired

and became a snowbird, spending winters in Yuma, Arizona. She enjoyed dancing, bingo, stamp collecting, and creating beautiful ceramics.

Marje was preceded in death by husband Henry, husband Carl Kennerud, and husband Rick Richardson.

Marje is survived by a younger sister, Natalie; four children, Diana (Dan), Henry (Lorraine), Linda and Debby; nine grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; seventeen great great grandchildren, and two great great great grandchildren.

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“ *Marje was one of the greatest generation She was a trailblazer for women in business as owner and manager of a very popular motel in Soap Lake, Washington. She was very fair and was a valuable mentor in many aspects of life. She was a very ethical person and a very welcoming hostess to the families who came every year to vacation in the area, remembering the names of the children and parents and always ready with a smile. She was an energizing member of the Chamber of Commerce and dedicated many hours to refurbishing the beloved merry go round at the beach. Marje was a formidable player of pinochle and I remember many happy evenings spent around the table with her family and friends as she counted points. Marje made a huge impact on my life and I will always be grateful that she was in my life. Be at peace, Marje.*  
*Collette Bullis*

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**Collette Bullis** - February 04, 2024 at 06:22 PM