

BRILHART, Lydia Olive 5 Dec 1913 - 20 Sep 2007
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Lydia Olive Brillhart

passed on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 in Plattsburgh, New York at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Roger and Marilee Patnode. She was born Lydia Olive Neil on December 5, 1913 in Colfax, Washington the oldest child of Pauline Campbell Neil and George Logan Neil. She was known fondly to her family and friends as Olive. Olive was raised in Seattle, Washington and attended Roosevelt Jr. High School, graduated from Lincoln High School in 1932, and attended the University of Washington. She married her childhood sweetheart, Kenneth Bortner Brillhart on September 3, 1939. She and Ken left Seattle on his return from World War II for Rochester, Minnesota. After Ken's training at the Mayo Clinic, they moved to Arizona, where they lived for many years. They moved to Morris Plains, New Jersey and then spent retirement years in Pompano Beach, Florida. Olive enjoyed gardening, cooking, golf, NASCAR, baseball, card-playing and visiting with her friends. Her parents; her husband, Kenneth Brillhart; and her brother, George L. Neil; and three brothers-in-law, Arthur L. Kloess, Gordon W. Johnson and Arnold Nelson, predecease her. Olive is survived by her son, David Neil Brillhart of Tucson, Arizona and daughter-in-law, Susan C. Brillhart of Lynden, Washington; her daughter, Marilee Brillhart Patnode and son-in-law, Roger E. Patnode of Plattsburgh, New York; her grandchildren, Shannon (Brilhart) White and husband, Cory of Lynden, Washington, Kenneth C. Brillhart and wife Amy of Squim, Washington, Stephanie (Brilhart) DeJong and husband Joel of Lynden, Washington, Justin B. Patnode and wife Terrianne of Brooklyn, New York, Aaron N. Patnode of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Katharine J. Patnode of San Diego, California; Great-grandchildren, Connor and Lucy Jo White, Mattea Blu Brillhart, Childrey and Campbell DeJong; sisters, Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Kloess, Patricia (Patty) Johnson both of Seattle, Washington; her sisters-in-law, Eva Rae Neil of Millcreek, Washington and Mary C. Nelson of Lewistown, Montana; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Arrangements are through Brown Funeral Home in Plattsburgh, New York. A memorial service will be at First Presbyterian Church Plattsburgh on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. A memorial service will also be held at the convenience of the family in Seattle, Washington where interment will be at Acacia Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of the North Country or North Country Mission of Hope. Olive was a lady, a survivor a true member of the "greatest generation"-her wisdom, smile and joy will be missed by all who knew and loved her.