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HERMAN, Virginia (Dillon)
12 Oct 1924 - 3 Jul 2007



Virginia "Jane" Dillon Herman
beloved wife of Jack Herman, passed away peacefully under hospice care in her home on July 3, 2007.
Born on October 12, 1924 in Denver, Colorado, her family came to Tucson during the Great Depression. Her father, Jim Dillon, had contracted tuberculosis and doctors told the family that he could only survive in the dry, desert climate of the Southwest. Not only did he survive, he thrived and led a rich, fulfilling life of 40 more years in the Old Pueblo. The family gained great strength from this episode in their collective lives.
Jane had an extremely happy childhood in Vail, Arizona where her parents ran a general store and service station. Here she met her future husband Jack, as both worked as young guides at Colossal Cave, a Tucson area attraction developed by Jack's grandfather, Frank "Pop" Schmidt. When WW II broke out Jack a 20 year old PFC in the Army Air Corps, and Jane, a student at Tucson High School, eloped to get married fearing he was about to be shipped overseas. The charming story of that elopement was featured in an "Arizona Daily Star" Valentine's Day 1992 "Love Stores" piece. The wartime romance that some thought would never last lasted for 65 years and produced three children; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Jane is survived by her adoring husband, Jack; her daughter, Jacquie Daglio and Jacquie's husband, George Daglio; her son, Jim Herman and grandson, Chris Herman of Newburyport, Massachusetts; and her son, John Herman of Tucson. She is also survived by grandchildren, George M. Daglio, Brett Daglio and Jason Daglio, Sean Herman and Wylie Herman and Margaret McGregor and Elizabeth Johnson. Her great grandchildren are Brandon and McKenzie Daglio and Campbell and Carson Johnson. She also leaves behind beloved friends/relatives, Francis and Bob Sundt and Ken and Susan Herman. Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. in the Chapel at Catalina Methodist Church. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be given to the Vail Preservation Society, P. O. Box 982, Vail, AZ 85641