



Ellen Yakel

March 21, 1920 - October 19, 2021

Ellen (Wegley) Yakel, 101 years old, of Warner Springs, California, passed away on October 19, 2021, at one of her daughter's homes in Fallbrook, CA.

Ellen was born in Fresno, CA, on March 21, 1920, to Johan and Maria Christina (Lehman) Wegley who immigrated to the United States from a German settlement along the Volga River in Russia in 1907.

Ellen had the good fortune of growing up on a farm with her parents and nine siblings. In 1938, she moved to the Los Angeles area where she attended business college. It was there that she met her future husband, Marvin E. Yakel, and they were married in 1940. Marv served in 3rd Marine Division in the South Pacific during World War II. After the war, Marvin returned home to Ellen and his first-born daughter Judee (Wayne). Ellen and Marv went on to have three more children: Marian Christine (Norton), Deborah Jean (Kezer), and Eric Edward Yakel. The family enjoyed camping, beach outings, quarter midget racing (with Eric) and various sports. Ellen was particularly fond of sewing, knitting, and crocheting beautiful outfits for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. In later years she added needlepoint and a variety of seasonal decorations that continue to bless our homes. During retirement she and Marv enjoyed square-dancing, traveling, golfing, and spending time with their growing family.

Ellen's excellent health allowed her to garden, read, solve puzzles and play word and number games (being particularly proud of her five Yahtzee game!) up until her passing. Ellen continued to live on her hill near Warner Springs with her son and enjoyed frequent visits to her daughters' homes. Each home and visit provided unique experiences such as: trips to Yosemite, Fresno, and along the California coast; a cruise to Alaska; and her favorite ...casinos!

She is survived by her 4 children, 7 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her husband, one grandson, parents, and 9 siblings.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the first responders, the doctors and nurses at Palomar Hospital, and the wonderful staff at Mission Hospice, who allowed us to care for mother at home.

Services will take place on November 3, 2021 at 10:00 am at Desert Lawn Funeral Home, 11251 Desert Lawn Drive, Calimesa, CA 92320.

Cemetery Details

Desert Lawn Memorial Park

11251 Desert Lawn Drive
Calimesa, CA 92320

Previous Events

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NOV 3. 10:00 AM (PT)

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