



## **Merle Lorraine Kirkpatrick**

Merle Lorraine (Watkins) Kirkpatrick passed away January 2, 2023, in La Pine, Oregon. She was 97 years old.

Merle was born January 7, 1925, in Eckert, Colorado. She married her high school sweetheart, Clarence Marion Kirkpatrick Jr, May 22, 1942, in Malin, Oregon. Her husband preceded her in death May 23, 2007. She was also preceded in death by her four siblings: Tom Wat-

kins, Marie Crawford, June Mozetter, and Joe Watkins.

Merle is survived by her three children; Pam Prescott, Linda Oliver, and Kirk Kirkpatrick; 9 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Merle had an admirable will to live throughout her life. She was fiercely independent, had intuitive insight into people's character, and was absolutely loyal and devoted to her family. She was a kind, giving, protective loving mother. It was a rare evening that she didn't sit with each of her children at bedtime and visit about their day.

She loved to paint, sing, and dance. She loved the ocean, walking in the rain, and a warm summer breeze.

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