



# Deborah Mae (Woodworth) Brown

December 24, 1921 – October 3, 2017

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Deborah “Debby” Brown, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, devoted sister and friend to many, passed away gracefully Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at the Ray Hickey Hospice House, Vancouver, WA. She was 95 years old. A long-time resident of Battle Ground, WA, she was an active member of the Battle Ground Community United Methodist Church (BGCUMC) and past President of the Battle Ground Garden Club. She was an avid gardener, classical music aficionado, bird lover, choir member, housewife and faithful letter writer, keeping family and friends close.

Born in St. Johnsbury, VT to Rev. Albert Shepard and Rachel Agnes (Green) Woodworth, she was the seventh of eight children. Due to her father's ministry, the family moved several times in her early life. She attended The Gilbert School in Winsted, CT and in 1938 graduated from Plainfield High School in Moosup, CT. She attended both Keuka College, NY and University of Connecticut before joining the WAVES in 1943.

A U.S. Navy Waves Corpsman, Debby completed her basic training at Hunter College, NYC and was stationed at the US Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, NC where she met her husband of 71 years, Willard E. Brown, then a U.S. Coast Guard Carpenter's Mate. Married in 1945, the couple lived in Plantsville, CT until 1968. That year, Debby, Willard and their five children moved to Battle Ground. Debby is predeceased by her husband, but survived by her five children: Carolyn Maratea Brown of St. Petersburg, FL, Dorothy Bocian of Portland, OR, Phyllis Barry of Mt. Vernon, WA, Barbara Jack of Lyman, WA, and Craig Brown of Vancouver, WA; five grandchildren; and one of her siblings, Nathan Woodworth, 101 years old of Simsbury, CT.

A memorial service is set for December 9, 2017 from 12-2pm at the Battle Ground Community United Methodist Church, 10300 NE 199th St, Battle Ground, WA. In lieu of flowers, Debby asks family and friends to make a donation in her honor to their charity of choice or to the endowment at BGCUMC.