



## Mary Alice Watts

October 29, 1929 - January 3, 2021

Mary Alice Watts, 91, died at home in Alpine (Monroe), Oregon on Sunday, January 3, 2021.

Mary was born in the heart of the dustbowl in Braggs, Oklahoma to Doyle Gilliland and Ellen Clark, on October 29, 1929, also known as Black Tuesday, the day the stock market crashed at the beginning of the Great Depression. Her parents divorced and she moved with her father's family to Yuba City, California in 1938. She described the move "I sat on someone's lap the whole way with a suitcase on my lap". She married Jack Alfred Watts in 1948 and they had two sons and one daughter. They lived in numerous cities throughout California while Jack worked on the natural gas pipeline in Southern California and settled for a time in San Jose in 1959 where their kids graduated from high school. They were divorced in 1984. Mary moved to Monroe, Oregon in 1986 to be closer to her son and grandsons. Mary worked many different jobs throughout her long life including the Jerry Brown Texaco in Junction City, Oregon. She loved her family, friends, sewing, bingo, gardening, and garage sales.

She is survived by her son, Gary Don Watts (Dorothy Brinckerhoff) and daughter, Jo Ellen Watts; grandsons, Lucky Jacob Watts (Samantha Huffman), and Jeffrey Matthew Watts (Dara Purvis) and one great granddaughter, Gwendolyn Watts Purvis.

Mary wished to be cremated and her cremains will be inurned in Woodland, CA where she will rest with her infant son, Jerry Lee Watts, who predeceased her in 1950. The family plans to have a potluck gathering at Alpine Community Center sometime in the future when it is safe for friends and family to gather and share a meal. In Mary's honor, there will be bingo.