

### "Like a Ship Sailing Home"

Found in the dead soldier's shirt pocket, over his heart, a newspaper clipping which the young man had apparently always carried with him. His buddy opened it, read it and cried again. The clipping said so much about what his friend believed about death and life. So he sent the clipping home to the dead soldier's parents, that they might be comforted by what their son believed, that his faith might help strengthen their faith, the clipping read something like this.

"We are standing on a shore. A large sailing ship is about to pull out. Friends and relatives of ours are standing on the deck, waving goodbye, throwing streamers, calling to us, calling our names. And we call to them and to each other. 'Look, there's Grandma...'

A bell sounds. The ships begins to move away.

"We stand silently for a very long time and watch as the ship goes further and further away until, finally, the mast is just a vertical pencil line on the distant horizon. Then it too goes down, until we can no longer see it. And we sigh, 'Oh, she's gone.'

"But gone from where? Gone from our sight. That's all. "For at the very moment we sigh, 'Oh, she's gone,' another cried on another shore is jumping up and down, laughing and yelling and pointing excitedly out to sea saying, 'Look! She's coming. Look, the ship is coming home! Look! There's Grandma... Uncle Mike...there's Grandad'"



CELEBRATING A LIFE

## *In Loving Memory* CELEBRATING A LIFE

### **Born to George & Ruby Nacey**

January 31, 1923 ~ Williston, North Dakota

### **Returned to Her Heavenly Father**

June 19, 2018, Eugene, Oregon

### **Her Funeral Mass**

10:00 AM, Saturday, September 22, 2018  
St. Anthony's Catholic Church ~ Culbertson, Montana

### **Officiating**

Father Jude Alih & Father Francis Schreiber

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Paul & JoAnn Picard

### **Readers**

Bev Vannatta & Chris Picard

### **Musician**

Mary Alicia Anderson ~ Organist

### **Choir**

Allison McKnight, Andrea Vannatta, Vanessa Romo,  
Elise Romo, Joely Picard, Aubrey Picard & Allison Picard

### **Gift Bearers**

J.C. Picard, Jassen Picard, Allison McKnight,  
Lorrie Picard, Carol Reich, Janice Picard & Ernie Picard

### **Gifts**

Vase of Durum Wheat, Coffee, Games, Crocheted Shawl,  
Angel, Bread & Wine

### **Urn Bearer**

Aggie Picard

### **Honorary Urn Bearers**

All of Patti's Family & Friends

### **Final Resting Place**

Bainville Cemetery, Bainville Montana

### **Arrangements By**

Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home, Williston, North Dakota



*In Loving Memory Of*

**Patricia "Patti" Picard**



January 31, 1923 - June 19, 2018



Patricia Eileen Picard was born January 31, 1923 to George & Ruby (Shoemaker) Nacey and passed away June 19, 2018 in Eugene, Oregon. She was born in Williston and raised on a sheep ranch west of Culbertson on The Little Muddy. She lived most of her

95 years in eastern Montana. She met her husband Wayne Picard at a rodeo near Bainville, where he was riding broncs.. She thought he was very handsome and he loved her auburn hair! After graduating

high school, Patti moved to Seattle to follow her call of duty during WWII and worked at the shipyards. She wasn't a Rosie the Riveter, instead being the smart girl she was, she worked in the shipyard office. She returned to her beloved Montana and married Wayne in April 1944 and they were married for 67 years.



Patti and Wayne farmed and ranched north of Bainville, Montana where they raised their 7 kids. Patti was no stranger to hard work. She cooked, cleaned, sewed, baked, and canned everything that didn't move.... not only for her family but also the ranch help. Her children were involved in 4H for years and she as a leader. She was an accomplished seamstress and was well known in the community for her cooking and baking skills.

She is also remembered for hosting youth tobogganing parties in the winter to branding adventures in the spring. Patti was most proud of her family and she loved them beyond measure. Her house was the gathering place for family celebrations. She always had time for her grandkids and enjoyed baking with them and playing games. When Patti and Wayne moved into town, she finally had time to explore her creativity in other ways. At one time Aggie counted 32 Peony plants in her yard. She also opened a ceramic shop in her garage, complete with a firing kiln. People loved gathering, working on their greenware, catching up on the latest news and exploring their artistic talents. We all have examples of her handiwork, too, as she knitted many beautiful afghans for her family and friends. She was so creative and loved a challenge to try something new...



Patti was a devout Catholic and an active member of Sacred Heart Altar Society. Her favorite expression was, "The Lord loves a cheerful giver!" That being her mantra, she opened her door to the priests who served Bainville...Whether it was driving 12 miles north on horrible roads or in later years, at their home in Bainville, she invited them for meals and a game of cards every chance she got. She will always be remembered for her genuine smile and infectious laugh. Her church and community were an important part of her life. She was a big supporter of education and the "Bulldogs".

## Loving Memory



Patti and Wayne became snowbirds and moved to Arizona in their later years. They both enjoyed retirement and lived full lives. In 2016, she moved to Oregon to be near her youngest daughter, Aggie.

Patti leaves behind six of her children, Paul (JoAnn) Picard, Bev Vannatta, Terri Picard, Ernie (Janice) Picard, Joe (Lorrie) Picard, Aggie(Setha) Picard...her 13 grandchildren, Justin and Jody, Ali, Andrea, Mike and Mara, JC and Sharice, Jassen, Vanessa, Joely and Aubrey, Corey. Her 20 great grandchildren, Britney, Courtney, Samantha, Morgan, Maya, Molly, Jacob, Townes, Averie, Ryland, Dylan, Tyler, Taylor, Aaron (Buddy), Darien, Isaiah, Josiah, Elijah, Elise and Ethan.

Patti was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne (2011), eldest son, Michael, son in law, Gene Vannatta and sisters, Kate Nyquist and Mary Picard.