**SIGRID C. (Boe) PRESTON**

*07/15/1925 — 05/15/2022*

*From Richland, WA, US* *Born and raised in Big Timber, Montana*

**Sigrid C. (Boe) Preston**

Sigrid (Sig) Preston, passed away after a fierce battle to overcome a stroke. She was born on July 15, 1925, to Josie and Chris Boe in Big Timber, MT. She was the oldest of 9 children (7 who lived to adulthood) raised on the Boe Homestead 12 miles north of Springdale in the foothills of the Crazy Mountains.

Sig attended one-room schoolhouses for grades 1 through 8. She lived with grandparents and attended Rapstad School for 1st grade. The next 7 yrs were spent at Sioux Crossing School. After 8th grade graduation, she boarded in Big Timber and attended Sweet Grass County High School (SGHS). After completing her junior year, she and classmate Alice Clouse rode the train to Washington, D.C. In D.C., she worked for the War Department.

In 1944, Sig returned to Big Timber to complete her senior year at SGHS. She worked at the Farmers Service while attending school. She graduated from SGHS in 1945, and after graduation, Sig moved to Helena and went to work at Fort Harrison. In 1947 she moved to Livingston to work for the Montana State Employment Service.

Sig married Harry Preston on September 1, 1948. In November 1951, they moved to Richland, WA, where Harry had accepted employment at the Hanford Project. In March 1952, Sig was employed by the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC).

Sig and Harry adopted two children, Mark and Linnea. Sig was a homemaker for 10 yrs. When the children were in school, she worked parttime at the Benton Franklin Health Department. In 1965, Sig returned to work fulltime for AEC. She retired on April 1, 1988.

Sig was active in Richland Lutheran Church since 1952. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, the Moose Auxiliary, the Eagles Auxiliary, and the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE). She did more than her fair share of volunteer work over the years—selling poppies, taking shifts in booths, or baking the best-tasting goodies ever!

Sig loved entertaining. She could whip up dinner for 4 or 14 without giving it a thought. Food is how she showed you she loved you. She especially enjoyed making Norwegian dumplings and lefse—a lot of work, but thoroughly loved by family.

Sig wintered in Arizona for several years with her partner John Edgar, and they enjoyed golfing, fishing, and taking trips to see family or to his navy reunions. She also enjoyed traveling the world including Australia, Thailand, Nepal, several continental European countries, the British Isles, and visiting family in Norway.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Josie and Chris Boe, 4 brothers: Jim, George, Raymond, and Walter; 3 sisters: Betty, Edna, and Hilda; husband of 38 yrs, Harry Preston; partner of 30 yrs, John (JV) Edgar, and son Mark Preston, Pasco, WA.

She is survived by her daughter Linnea Preston, Shoreline, WA; sister Cora Baldwin, Missoula, MT; brother-in-law Gene Preston, Richland, WA, John Edgar’s children Jevin Edgar and Sheri Sipe, and several beloved nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be Thursday, May 26,2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Einan’s at Sunset Event Center. Celebration of Life for both Sig and her son Mark will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 27, 2022, at the Event Center followed by burial services onsite. Family and friends are welcome to enjoy a luncheon celebration at the Event Center following services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Chaplaincy Health Care (1480 Fowler St, Richland, WA 99352) or the charity of your choice.