



Esther Elizabeth Silcock

May 12, 1919 - June 4, 2011

Esther Elizabeth Silcock, 92, of Big Springs passed away peacefully on June 4, 2011 in the loving care of Madrone Hospice after a sudden illness.

Esther was born on May 12, 1919 in Philadelphia, Pa. to Howard A. and Elizabeth E. Walker (nee Hefline). She spent her childhood in Cramer Hill, N.J. and summers at the Jersey shore. She loved to roller skate, and that is how she met her husband Arnold W. Silcock. They made their home in Erlton, N.J. During WW II while Arnold was overseas, Esther worked in the New Jersey shipyard. Somewhat like "Rosie the Riveter," she crawled through the bellies of ships under construction as a pipefitter's helper and loved every minute of it. After the war, she and Arnold moved to Arcadia in Southern California, where they raised their two children. Upon retiring in 1978, they relocated to Siskiyou County, where they enjoyed square dancing with the Shasta Valley Shufflers, Circles and Squares and Dudes and Daisies. They also loved RVing with the Siskiyou Treasure Seekers. Esther was preceded in death by Arnold, her husband of 60 years; her parents; her brother Howard A. "Scoop" Walker of Fort Myers, Fla.; and her sisters Ruth Houston of Newhall, Calif. and Julie Roley of Monrovia, Calif.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Dean and Beth Silcock of Pasadena, Calif.; her daughter Marilyn Amaral of Big Springs; two grandchildren Joe Amaral of Banta, Calif. and Jennifer Selvidge of Salt Lake City, Utah; four great-grandchildren Kate and Joey Amaral and Kevin and Joe Selvidge; and nieces and nephews all around the U.S.

Always a lot of fun, Esther will truly be missed. At her request, there will be no services. Contributions may be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Cir., Yreka, CA 96097, or to the charity of your choice. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family.