



## Nora Birchak

January 16, 1911 - May 23, 2008

Nora Viola Birchak of Corvallis, formerly of Latrobe, Pa., died May 23, at 97. She was born in Grip, Pa., near Barnesboro, to Martha Sarah Hess and Robert Smith Pershing. When she was 2 years old, the Pershing family moved to Latrobe, Pa., where Nora later graduated from Latrobe High School and became a registered nurse in the Latrobe Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1932.

In 1935, she married Frank J. Birchak. They lived in Unity Township for 56 years before moving to Oregon in 1991. She was a member of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Crabtree, Pa., and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis. She was a member of Gold Star Mothers and was an American Red Cross nurse.

Nora found joy in her large circle of family and friends. She radiated a positive, caring attitude and was known for her friendly smile.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 59 years, Frank J. Birchak; son Capt. Francis J. Birchak, Jr., who died in Vietnam; sister Clara Giobbi and brothers Benjamin Clyde Pershing, Charles Pershing and Floyd Pershing.

She is survived by son J. Robert and his wife, Christiana Birchak, of Spring, Texas; daughter Clara J. and her husband, Gary Jarman, of Corvallis; son Paul K. Birchak of Midlothian, Va.; daughter-in-law Shirley Birchak, who is the widow of son Francis, of Spokane, Wash.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be in Crabtree, Pa. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Red Cross or a charity of your choice, care of McHenry Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nora Birchak*

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