Melita Miller
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YAKIMA - Melita Miller, 86, passed away June 13, 2013 in Yakima. Melita was born on November 15, 1926 to Pius and Eva (Zerr) Schall in the town of Selz, near Odessa, Russia. She attended school there and helped out on the farm. She was a very good student and attended a new teacher's training college. During WWII she had to leave her homeland as her town was evacuated into Poland. Her mother and sisters were taken back to Russia later as part of the forced repatriation of refugees from Russia done after WWII ended. Melita and her father lived in Germany after the war where she met her future husband Balzer Miller who was also from a town near Odessa, Russia. In 1948 Melita and her father immigrated to Regina, Saskatchewan in Canada. Melita worked in a hospital called the Grey Nun's, a Catholic hospital. In 1949 Balzer immigrated to Saskatchewan also and Melita and Balzer were married in Regina, Canada in 1952. That same year they immigrated to Yakima. Melita worked at Del Monte Cannery from 1955 to 1956. She raised four children in their Yakima home. Melita was a first-class homemaker, taking good care of her family. She was able to see her mother and sisters again during a trip to Germany in 1978. She was a faithful member of St. Paul Cathedral for 60 years. She enjoyed reading, walking, gardening and spending time with her family.

Melita is survived by three daughters, Mary Ann Miller of Yakima, Rose Pasquan and her husband Charles of Cle Elum and Linda Doriss and husband Jim of Beaverton, OR; two grandchildren, Kristi and Kevin; and two sisters, Ida Schall and Emily (Schall) Paul both of Chemnitz, Germany. She is preceded in death by her husband Balzer Miller, one son Michael Joseph Miller; her father and mother Pius and Eva Schall.

Melita was a generous person. Spend a moment today remembering a time when you were a recipient of her thoughtful generosity and keep her in your prayers.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at St. Paul Catholic Church. To share a memory of Melita, visit www.keithandkeith.com.