

# Thelma Louise Marshall Obituary

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Thelma Louise Marshall died on Saturday morning, May 6, 2017. She was born Thelma L. Jacobsen on August 2, 1922 in Vananda, Montana (its ghost town still remains). Due to her Father's association with a regional bank, the family lived in several cities in central and eastern Montana (Great Falls, Lewistown, Livingston, Forsyth, and Miles City). She graduated 14<sup>th</sup> in a class of 250 from Custer County High School in Miles City. She then moved on to Washington State College (now a University) where she met her future husband, Warren Marshall.

Thelma and Warren were married on October 23, 1943 in Tyler, Texas, where Warren was stationed, prior to being deployed to the European theater of World War II. He was among the first who landed on the part of Normandy, France, that was code-named "Utah Beach". Thelma lived and worked in New York City for nearly two years, until Warren came home.

Following the War, Warren and Thelma returned to Pullman, where Warren earned his Master's Degree in Soils Science. They had a son, Douglas, and daughter, Lora Lou, before moving to Yakima in 1956, where she lived the rest of her life. After the birth of their third child, David, in 1964, she returned to work, and with her husband helped grow Agrimanagement, an agricultural consulting company.

Thelma held dear the many friends she made in Yakima, especially through her association with the PTA, Formal Dance Club, Warehouse Theater, Larson Gallery (serving several years on its board), and the Elderhostel educational senior travel program, now known as Road Scholar. She was able to travel extensively with friends and was always curious about new places and people.

Thelma felt she was fortunate to be able to live a laid-back and consequently a very happy life, which was reflected in her home life and her associations with her many friends. Thelma was very proud of her son Douglas and his wife Michell of Orcas Island, her daughter Lora Lou of Colorado Springs, CO, and her son David and his wife Ginger of Yakima, her 5 grandchildren and their spouses, Colleen Rathbone (Larry), Justin Gillespie (Bree), Megan Hantz (Travis), Phillip Marshall, and Jefferson Marshall, three great-grandsons and many nieces and nephews. They will all miss her greatly.



Thelma loved life and fought to hang on to it until the bitter end, but alas, the fell destroyer, who has always prevailed in such struggles, at last laid claim over her body at age 94. Her spirit remains however, undefeated, and will live on in all of us who love her and remember her. (*This paragraph was pre-written by Thelma, herself, knowing her friends would appreciate her sense of humor and love of life. In fact, her end was very peaceful and her spirit does live on.*)

A party to celebrate her life will be held later this summer in August 2017. The family will update more details about the memorial service at <http://thelma.agrimgt.com>, where you can read her family history. You may also share a memory of Thelma at [www.keithandkeith.com](http://www.keithandkeith.com).