

12/10/24 Gerald 'Jerry' Edwin Bednarik

Gerald "Jerry" Edwin Bednarik of Aberdeen, passed away at Riverside Place in Hoquiam on Nov. 21, 2024. He was 92 years old. He was born on the family farm on the Wishkah Valley on Aug. 11, 1932, to parents Andrew Thomas Bednarik and Anna (Blahut) Bednarik.

He was a 1950 graduate of Wishkah Valley High School and then attended Washington State University. In 1952, he married Elaine Hartzog. They celebrated 72 years of marriage. Jerry worked as a dairy farmer and as a delivery driver for both Graystone and UPS before retiring at age 62.

He was a member of the Aberdeen Polish Club as well as the Aberdeen Elks Club. Jerry had many hobbies including farming, bowling,



golfing, boating, fishing for crab and shrimp.

They also enjoyed traveling to Yuma, Arizona with friends during the winter. Many happy times were spent at their Hood Canal cabin, but most of all he loved spending time with his family and friends.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Elaine "Midge" Bednarik; sons Gerald (Paula) Bednarik Jr. of Aberdeen and David Bednarik

of Elma; daughters, Carol (Darryl) Druzianich of Elma and Karen (Craig) Royer of Dayton, Ohio; as well as eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 15 nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Andrew and Anna Bednarik; brothers Andrew Bednarik Jr. and Adolph Bednarik; and sisters Klara Kegg and Adeline Gausepohl.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in memory of Jerry is asked to give to the Wishkah Fire District #10 or the Aberdeen Fire Department.

Burial will take place at St. John's Cemetery with services to be announced at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Harrison Family Mortuary.

1-7-25

Elaine 'Midge' Bednarik

Lifetime Aberdeen resident, Elaine "Midge" Bednarik, passed away in Hoquiam on Dec. 12, 2024 at the age of 90. She was born on Oct. 20, 1934 in Aberdeen to parents William Noah Hartzog and Cecelia (Dombroski) Hartzog. Elaine was a 1952 graduate of Weatherwax High School and also attended Grays Harbor Community College.

On Sept. 20, 1952, she married her sweetheart, Gerald E. Bednarik, Sr. They made their home on the Wishkah Valley and enjoyed 72 years of marriage. While raising her family, she worked as the receptionist in the radiology department at St. Joseph's Hospital in Aberdeen. Elaine was a member of several groups including the Wishkah Homemakers, Wishkah Pinochle Club, the Polish Club, St. Mary's Catholic Church, the St. Aurillas



Guild, and the Aberdeen Pioneer Club. She loved traveling, spending time with family and friends, relaxing at their cabin on the Hood Canal, and snow birding in Yuma, Arizona. She was the hostess for many family gatherings throughout the year, especially during the holidays.

Elaine is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Gerald Bednarik, Sr.; her parents, William Noah Hartzog and Cecelia

Wolkiewicz; her brother Albert "Junior" Sogard; and her grandson Brian David Bednarik.

She is survived by her sons, Gerald (Paula) Bednarik, Jr. of Aberdeen and David Bednarik of Elma; daughters Carol (Darryl) Druzianich of Elma and Karen (Craig) Royer of Dayton, Ohio; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations can be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Aberdeen, the Wishkah Valley Fire Department, or the Aberdeen Fire Department.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Harrison Family Mortuary.

A graveside service will be held for both Gerald and Elaine on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, at St. John's Cemetery at 11:00 am. A celebration of life will follow at 1:00 pm at the Aberdeen Polish Club.