Obituary – Lucy Jean Alexander McGill
Dec. 8, 1924 – Dec. 2, 2015

Lucy Jean Alexander McGill, 90, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Dec. 2 at her home in Oceanside.

Lucy was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada in 1924; the family moved to Fontana in 1927, where Lucy grew up. After her high school graduation in 1942, she chose a nursing career, following in her mother's footsteps. As a cadet nurse in 1943, she met Walter McGill at a USO dance, and they married in 1945 at Fontana Community Church, which was designed and built by her uncle, William Cumming. Their six children fulfilled their mother's dream of having them all graduate from college.

As an RN, Lucy served as public health nurse, and worked for the San Bernardino School District, the Fontana School District, as well as in the ER at Kaiser Permanente Hospital. Her career spanned 40 years before she and Walter retired and enjoyed their travels with friends and family throughout the U.S., Europe, and Mexico.

Her daughter, Jean Barney, preceded Lucy in death. She is survived by her husband, Walter, her sister Patricia Murray of San Diego, and five children: Thomas McGill of Orange, Patricia Merryman of Fuquay Varina, North Carolina, Christine Needham of Oceanside, David McGill of Rancho Cucamonga, and Deborah McGill of Laguna Niguel. Twelve grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren with one more on the way, and several cousins, nieces and nephews also survive Lucy.

Lucy had a lifetime of caring for others as a devoted mother and nurse. She was active in their church, the San Luis Rey Valley United Methodist Church in Oceanside, where a memorial service will be held on Dec. 20 at 12:15 p.m. Flowers can be sent to 5570 Old Rancho Road, Oceanside, CA, 92057, or donations made to the National MS Society, the Alzheimer's Foundation, or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Lucy's name.