

## **Eleanor H. Lynham** ( - 13 Oct 1973)

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**Lynham, Eleanor H. VanValey.** On Saturday, October 13, 1973 at Morris Cafritz Memorial Hospital, Eleanor H. VanValey Lynham of 1608 28th St. S.E., wife of the late Clavin L. Lynham, aunt of Robert K. Jennings, of Bainbridge Island, Washington, Joseph VanValey, Bremerton, Washington, John VanValey, Cincinnati, Ohio and Thomas VanValey, Fort Collins, Col. Services by Lee Funeral Home. Interment private.

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### **Eleanor Lynham**

#### **Retired Maritime Secretary**

Eleanor H. VanValey Lynham, 77, a retired federal government secretary, died October 13 at Cafritz Memorial Hospital.

She had lived for many years at 1608 28th St. SE but had been under care at the Regency Nursing Home for the past year.

Mrs. Lynham was born in Vincent, Ohio, and attended the University of Ohio. She taught in schools in Washington County, Ohio, before coming to Washington in 1918 to work as a clerk in the War Department.

During the 1920s, she was a secretary in the Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corp. and the Merchant Fleet Corp.

Mr. Lynham then became secretary to the late Vice Adm. Emory S. Land, assistant director of the Bureau of Construction of the U.S. Shipping Board and remained with him when he served as chairman of the Maritime Commission. She retired in 1953.

Mrs. Lynham, who was known to her co-workers as "Miss Van," as an active member for many years of the American Merchant Marine Library Association, the Propellor Club and Ryland Methodist Church.

There are no immediate survivors.