

HOWE, SHIRLEY SCHAMP  
March 19, 1918-November 16, 2007

Shirley F. Howe, 420 S.E. Myra Rd., College Place, Wash., formerly of Milton-Freewater, Ore., passed away Nov. 12, 2007 at Regency at the Park in College Place at the age of 89 years. Memorial services were Friday, Nov. 16, 2007, at the Monselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater with Pastor Jeff Beazley of the Bethel Baptist Church in Milton-Freewater officiating. Ritualistic services were conducted by Integrity Rebekah Lodge #175.

Mrs. Howe was born March 19, 1918 in Chugwater, Wyo., the daughter of Thomas and Lilliet Mathre Schamp. She was the eldest of three sisters. Her mother died of Botulism in 1923 and she helped her father and grandmother Schamp raise her two sisters. Her grandmother was well-known for her nursing skills in the small community of Chugwater, Wyo., and it was Shirley's desire to become a nurse. She attended school at Iowa Center, Chimney Rock school near Slater and graduated from Chugwater School in 1937.

She was awarded a scholarship for nurses' training and was captain of the basketball team.

Shirley went to work for the Union Pacific railroad for several years and also for Epperson's photo finishing. She married Del Howe on March 29, 1953 in Derby, Colo., and she helped him run several restaurants in Wheatland, Wyo. During this time. She raised three step-children and five grandchildren. It was while visiting family in Milton-Freewater that the couple fell love with the area, the friendly people in the community, and shortly thereafter, they retired in Milton-Freewater. Shirley belonged to the Rebekah Lodge. Grange and the Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband on Dec. 16, 2000.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Lemus of Sahuarita, Ariz.; nephews, Jack Cooper, Leslie Cooper, John Cooper, Michael Choman, Jerry Fry; nieces, Judy Blake, Mary Ann Choman, Anna Barnett, Arlene Hartselle and Melodie Rauquist; 11 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Eunice and Julia, and 2 sons, Don Howe and Del Howe, Jr.