

Beverly Simpson Raley-Gantz

July 24, 1916-Nov. 2, 2010

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UNDERWOOD, Wash. — Beverly Simpson Raley-Gantz, 94, of Underwood, Wash., died peacefully Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010. A private family service will be held at Olney Cemetery.

Mrs. Raley-Gantz was born July 24, 1916, in Walla Walla. Her parents, George L. and Ila Berry Simpson, were the children of Oregon pioneer families. She grew up in Pendleton and graduated in the class of 1934 at Pendleton High School. She competed in equestrian events while attending Mills College, and was selected as a Pendleton Round-Up Princess in 1936. She also attended the University of Oregon.

She was married to James H. Raley Jr. from

1937 until his death in 1967. In 1981 she married Capt. Saxe P. Gantz, USN retired. They built a home in Enterprise and resided there

until his death in 1993. Since 1993 she has been residing in the Columbia River Gorge.

Mrs. Raley-Gantz is survived by daughters Sally Brady of Underwood, Wash., and Mary Shilton of Alexandria, Va.; brother Robert Simpson of Lake Oswego; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, a nephew and several nieces.

Her eldest daughter, Beverly Tiah Lawrence, died in 2007.

The family wishes to have any remembrances sent to Hospice of the Gorge (www.hospiceofthegorge.org).



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