

Viola Mae Bullock

Pendleton

July 13, 1911-December 10, 2012

Viola Mae Bullock, a resident of Pendleton, died Monday, December 10, 2012, at her home in Pendleton. She was 101 years old.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 14, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Pendleton, Oregon. Burial will follow in the Olney Cemetery, Pendleton, Oregon. A dinner will be held following the burial at Bethel Assembly of God Church, 1109 Airport Road, in Pendleton. A viewing will be held Thursday, December 13, 2012, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and will be in the Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Contributions in memory of Viola Bullock may be made to the American Cancer Society, and may be sent in care of Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, Oregon 97801. Send condolences online at www.burnsmortuary.com. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Bullock was born July 13, 1911, in Plain Dealing, Louisiana. She was the daughter of James D. and Edith A. (Newsome) Blanton. She was raised and educated in the Plain Dealing area. She married Jesse W. Bullock on August 14,

1929, in Plain Dealing, La. The family had lived and worked in Arizona, Arkansas and other areas before they came to Pendleton in 1956. While here Mrs. Bullock had worked at the Domestic Laundry and then later as a nurse's aide at St. Anthony Hospital here in Pendleton. She continued working at the hospital for many years before she retired.



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She had been a member of the Bethel Assembly of God Church. She greatly enjoyed spending time doing yard work and collecting angels. Her greatest pleasure was spending time with her family, including her many children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She is survived by four children: James "Leon" Bullock and friend Carlene of Walla Walla, Wash., Leonard Bullock and wife Dorothy of Pendleton, Ore., LaVerne Crume of Hermiston, Ore., and John Bullock and wife Linda of Pendleton. 23 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Jesse, two sons, Mac and Floyd Bullock, 6 brothers and one sister.

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Things were going great until he was devastated by a downturn in his business. He had planned to move here, but was unable to sell his home. We used to see each other every two weeks, but no longer. It has been almost two months. He calls once a week, but nothing else.

We have been close and he has shared his life, his worries and personal information with me. I haven't pressured him and I don't

need a commitment now, although I would like one someday. Abby, he seems to be drifting away. Is it OK to write to him, email him, send encouraging notes once a week and continue to support him? Is it too much to ask for more frequent communication from him? I have offered to travel the 1,000 miles, but he has evaded my offer. I'm not ready to walk away. We have been great together and this is difficult for me. Advice? — **Holding On In Coastal California**

Dear Holding On: It's fine to be supportive, but don't overwhelm him right now. You may have to let this play out in its own time. Your friend may have retreated because he's concentrating his energy on reviving his business. He may be licking his wounds or he may have met someone, which is why he discourages your visit. That he still calls you is encouraging. Because you have known him for two years, I recommend you simply ASK him if he's met someone else. If the answer is no, it will put your mind at ease. But if the answer is yes, at least you'll be clear about what happened.

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