

## Marian Ellen Gray

Aug. 30, 1914-June 25, 2010

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — Former Pendleton resident Marian Ellen Gray, 95, died Friday, June 25, 2010, in Santa Cruz, Calif. Viewing will be held from 9:30-10 a.m. Thursday, July 8 at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton.

Mrs. Gray was born Aug. 30, 1914, in Pendleton, the first of three children of Ernest and Ellen Draper. She graduated from high school in Seattle, after which she and her family moved to La Grande. She attended Draper Business School in La Grande, where she met her future husband, Don. They were married in 1937, and moved to Pendleton. In 1952 they established Don Gray Office Services in Pendleton. They later moved to Milton-Freewater, where Mr. Gray became branch manager of the First Federal Savings and Loan facility. In 1967 his

work moved them to Hermiston and she worked as secretary at First Christian Church. She was subsequently employed by the Hermiston School District, where she served as office secretary at the junior high school until her retirement in 1976. The couple moved to Santa Cruz, Calif., in 1983 so they could be closer to their children.



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Mrs. Gray is survived by daughters Sandra Jones of San Jose, Calif., and Janet Johnson of Soquel, Calif.; four granddaughters; and six great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Don Gray; grandson Don Johnson; parents Ernest and Ellen Draper; and siblings Sarah Straughan and Ed Draper.

Memorial donations may be made to Heartland Hospice, 824 Bay Ave., No. 4, Capitola, CA 95010, or a charity of donor's choice.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [www.burnsmortuary.com](http://www.burnsmortuary.com).