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Obit: Mary Bernella 'Mel' Sherrow

Jan 2, 2020



Sherrow

Hermiston

April 28, 1927 — January 1, 2020

Mary B. "Mel" Sherrow was born on April 28, 1927, in La Grande. She was the only child of Leo and Mary Ellen (Provolt) Bryant. To the sound of fireworks, she left this earth with a big bang on Jan. 1, 2020, as she soared toward heaven with the angels just after midnight!

Following her graduation from La Grande High School with honors in 1945, she was offered a scholarship in music to the University of Oregon. However, she declined and decided to move to Reith because of her father's employment on the UP Railroad. It was there that she met Theodore "Ted" Sherrow Sr. When Ted returned from the Air Force they were married on August 25, 1946. While in Reith, Mel worked for Garrett Freight Lines as a bookkeeper and eventually became the postmaster in Reith.

They welcomed a daughter, Linda, in 1948 and a son, Ted Jr., in 1953. That same year, 1953, they moved to Umatilla to be closer to Ted's employment by the Union Pacific Railroad at Hinkle. In 1956, while living in Umatilla, they had their second son, Cary.

She became a medical secretary, assistant and office manager for Dr. Marvin John in Umatilla. When he was bought out by St. Anthony's Clinic, she continued to work with him at the clinic. All in all, it was a total of 32 years. She retired in 1988 to care for her ailing husband. Ted died in 1993.

She was a warm, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She especially loved spending time with her five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She also loved dogs!

In her spare time, she enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting. As she grew older, both domestic and foreign travel became a passion.

Mel was a very active citizen in her community. In her early years she served every office in the PTA including president, the board for Teenagers Activities, Cub Scouts, Bluebird Girls and various school activities.

At different times in her life she served: as a member of the Fireman's Auxiliary for the Umatilla Volunteer Fire Department; the Umatilla Hospital District Board for 34 years, where she served several years as president; the Chamber of Commerce; as an original member of

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Death: Mary B. 'Mel' Sherrow

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Longtime Umatilla resident Mary B. “Mel” Sherrow, 92, of Hermiston, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020, in Hermiston. She was born April 28, 1927, in La Grande. Visitation will be held Wednesday, Jan. 8 from 4-6 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. A celebration of life service will be held Thursday, Jan. 9 at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 485 W. Locust Ave., Hermiston. A private family burial will be at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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