

## Obituary: Mabel H. Wood

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Mabel H. Wood, a resident of Pendleton, passed away on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, in a Milton-Freewater care center. She was 90 years old.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at Bethel Assembly of God Church, 1109 Airport Road, Pendleton. Inurnment will be in Olney Cemetery in Pendleton. Memorial contributions in her honor may be directed to the Mabel Wood Memorial Fund care of the Wells Fargo Bank in Pendleton. Memorials may also be sent to Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801. Sign the online guestbook or send condolences online at [www.burnsmortuary.com](http://www.burnsmortuary.com). Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Wood was born October 10, 1921, in Inkster, North Dakota. She was the daughter of William B. and Hulda (Benson) Petron. In November of that year the family moved to Minnesota, where she was raised and educated. After high school, she attended college in Bemidji, Minnesota. She then moved to the Chicago to work for the federal government.

She married Alfred Howland on May 19, 1946. That marriage later ended. She had also been married to Louie Hand and Walter Wood Jr., who both preceded her in death.

She first came to Pendleton in 1946, and moved to Minnesota in 1964. She returned to Pendleton in about 1973. Here, she worked as a case manager for the State of Oregon Department of Adult and Family Services. She remained at that position until her retirement in about 1993.

She had been involved in a great deal of volunteer work in the Pendleton area, and had received the Volunteer of the Year award from the governor. Mabel was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pendleton, she was a life member of the V.F.W. Post 922 Auxiliary, and a working member of Habitat for Humanity. She also enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is survived by her children: Linda Wagner of Pendleton, Vaughn Howland of Pendleton, Shirley Wick of Baker City, Oregon, and Rick Howland of Pendleton. One brother, Merle Petron of Palmer, Alaska, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive. Along with two spouses, she was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

