



Obituary

Born: Wednesday, December 21, 1921

Died: Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Della Marie Fanshier Wright Arkell

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Della Marie Fanshier Wright Arkell, 93, of Pendleton died Wednesday, Sept 16, 2015, at Suttle Care and Retirement in Pendleton. Della was born in Pendleton, Or, on Dec 21, 1921 to Edwin A. and Ethell Haw Fanshier. She grew up on wheat ranches in Gilliam County, attending schools in Clem, Olex and Arlington. Later they moved to a farm near Pendleton, where she graduated from High School. After attending a year course at the Draper School of Commerce in La Grande, she went to work under Civil Service at the Ordinance Depot at Umatilla and later worked at Fort Lewis Army Headquarters in Tacoma, WA.

Service Summary

Graveside Service

3:00 PM Wed Sep 23, 2015

Olney Cemetery

865 Tutuilla Road
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

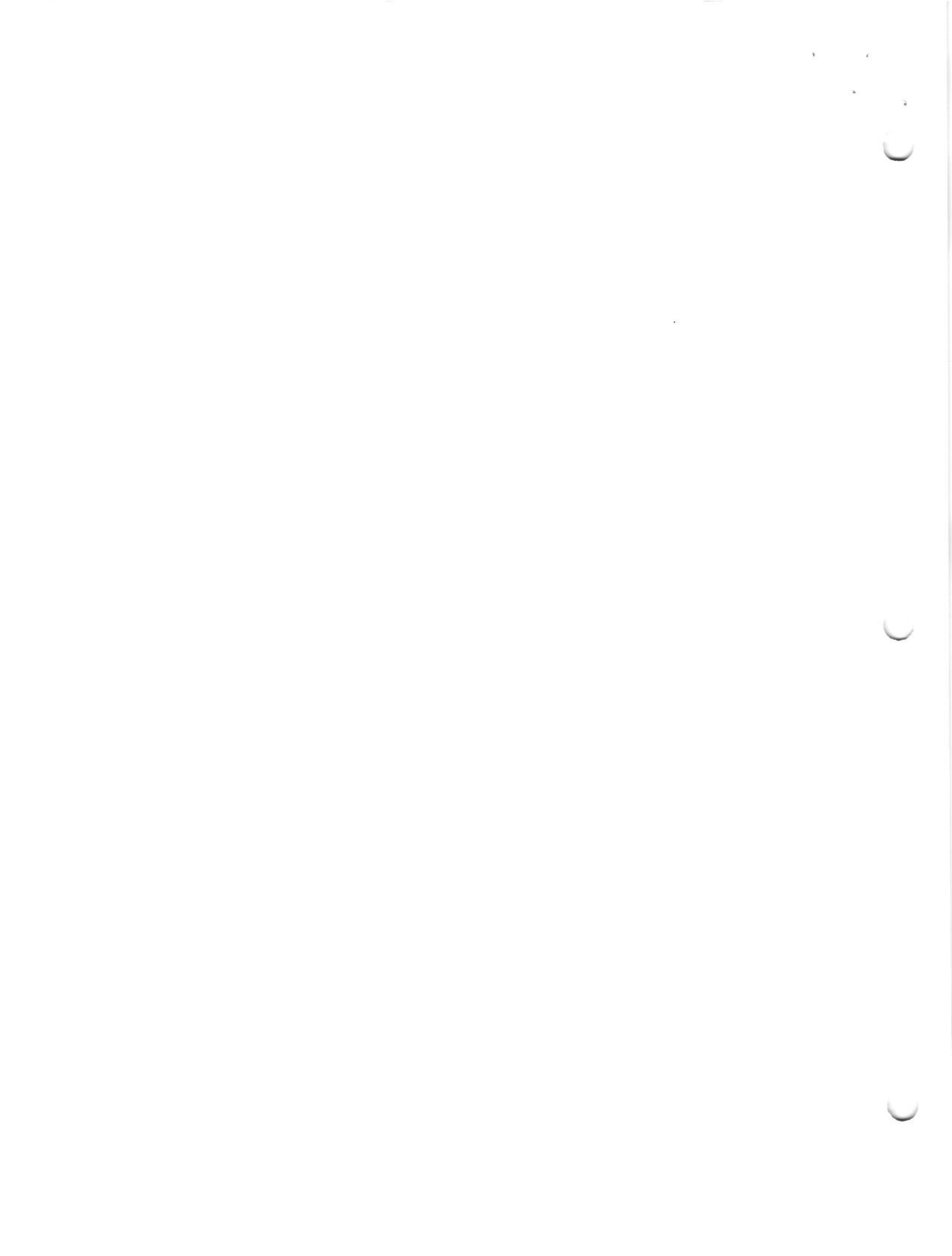
At the end of WWII she married Benjamin C. Wright from Terry, MT. They returned to Pendleton to live after traveling in California for a time. They raised two daughters, Charlene Marie and Karla Irene. Della worked as a secretary and bookkeeper for Johnson-Gillham Insurance Co and later for Pettyjohn Oil Co. Several years after Ben's death she married Donald L. Arkell.

Della enjoyed traveling, making trips to Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Panama Canal, and Mexico. She took several cruises to Alaska and the Caribbean and visited numerous places in the US and Canada. At home, she loved to spend time with her family, cooking, crocheting, doing embroidery and reading. She was an active lifetime member of the United Methodist Church and it's women's group. Over the years, she belonged to several Square Dance Clubs, Garden Club and card groups.

Della is survived by her daughter, Charlene (Keith) Arkell of Pendleton, sisters Vivian Smith of Pendleton and Helen Surber of Tacoma WA, granddaughters Kacie Fleming, Portland OR, and Jenni Fleming, Olympia WA. Also son-in-law Pat Fleming of Battle Ground WA and step granddaughters Wendy Sorey and Whitney Porter of Pendleton.

She was preceded in death by husbands Ben C. Wright and Donald L. Arkell and a daughter, Karla Fleming.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday Sept 23, 2015 at 3:00 PM in Olney Cemetery in Pendleton. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com Burns



Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

