



Barbara Jeane Braze

April 30, 1932 - December 8, 2010

Barbara Jeane (Holzhauser) Braze 78, of Grenada

Barbara Jeane (Holzhauser) Braze, a lifelong Siskiyou County resident, passed away on Dec. 8, 2010 due to heart complications. Barbara was born on April 30, 1932 in Klamath Falls, Ore. She was born to the Miller family. Her mother passed away due to complications during her birth. Her father was serving in the U.S. Navy and left the three kids to an orphanage. Barbara was adopted by Harry and Lula Holzhauser, who lived on a ranch on Sam's Neck, near Dorris. Barbara was raised on the ranch. Later in Barbara's life, she was able to locate her two older siblings. Her sister Muriel lived in Boston, Mass., and they grew to become good friends and close sisters. Her brother Floyd lived in the Philippines, and they were able to meet one time but kept in touch. After spending a few years raising her young children in the late 50s, Barbara moved from Dorris to Grenada. She went to work as a nurse's aide from 1959 to 1962. While working she attended College of the Siskiyous, where she graduated in 1962 as an LVN nurse. She continued to work at Siskiyou General Hospital for 29 years. She left the hospital in 1991 due to a back injury. After a surgery she went to work as a supervising nurse at Beverly Manor, where she worked for another 14 years. Barbara was a nurse for nearly 45 years, where she made many friends and acquaintances.

Barbara married Bill Edwards, a mill worker and rodeo cowboy, in 1948 in Klamath Falls, Ore. They had three children, Linda Billingsley, Judy Rue and Billy Brown. Billy was known as a hay hauler. Billy and Waski Walls put away

a lot of hay in their day. Billy came down with cancer at age 21 and passed away in 1977 at the age of 22. Linda Billingsley lived in Grenada all of her life. She ran a ceramic shop during the 70s and pulled green chain at Timber Products for a few years. Later, she worked at Raley's Grocery, until she passed away in 1998 at the age of 49. Judy Rue lives in Hornbrook and works as a nurse at Fairchild Medical Center.

Barbara met Larry Braze in 1981 and they were married shortly thereafter. Barbara and Larry were just five days from celebrating their 29th anniversary. Barbara spent the happiest years of her life with her best friend and husband, Larry Braze.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents Harry and Lula Holzhauser, her brother Floyd, her sister Muriel and her two children Billy Brown and Linda Billingsley. Her two grandsons, Chris Cavner and Mike Rue, also preceded Barbara in death.

Barbara is survived by her husband Larry Braze of Grenada; her daughter Judy and her husband Gary Rue of Hornbrook; grandkids, Scott and Connie Billingsley of Grenada, Joe Rue of Hornbrook and Gary Rue Jr. of Salem, Ore.; Billy's daughter Marie Sharp of Big Springs; and Ralph and Cynthia Billingsley of Montague. Barbara's great-grandchildren include Doug; Scotty and Elaina Billingsley; Erika Hansen of Etna; Matt Cavner of Portland, Ore.; Brian Rue, serving with the 173rd Airborne in Afghanistan; Samantha Rue of Hornbrook; Chris and Becky Spurgeon of Nevada City; Cody and Tera Rue of Salem, Ore.; Ashley and Amber Rue of San Jose; Lisa Davis of Montague; Tyler and Colton Sharp of Big Springs; and Jordan and Cienda Billingsley of Montague. Barbara also had three great-great-grandchildren, Blake Hansen of Etna and Jonathan and Larissa Davis of Montague.

Barbara had been an active member of the Grange Hall for over 50 years (Dorris and Gazelle chapters). Barbara loved her family, her cats, flowers, dancing, horses and the ocean. She will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17, 2010 at Girdner

Funeral Chapel in Yreka. Donations can be sent to the Southern Oregon Humane Society.