



Bertha "Bettie" Hendryx

December 12, 1917 - December 3, 2012

Bertha Betty Hendryx, known as "Bettie", a native of Siskiyou County and longtime Yreka resident passed away on December 1, 2012.

Bettie was born on December 12, 1917 in Fort Jones, California, the daughter of Felix J. Kunz and Winona (Thompson) Kunz. She attended both Fort Jones elementary and high schools, graduating from Fort Jones High School in 1935. She then attended and graduated from Munson School for Private Secretaries in San Francisco.

Bettie and Herman Hendryx were married on May 17, 1941 in St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Yreka. They then made their home in Yreka. The family grew with the births of sons Jeffrey and Michael.

Bettie worked on the campaign for the reelection of Senator Collier. She also worked part-time at Nolan's Litho print shop and for ten years for the University of California Extension Service that had just set up the first office of the Farm Advisor in the county. She was the first secretary of the Siskiyou County Farm Bureau upon its inception.

In December, 1982, Bettie retired as a Technical and Confidential Secretary from the Yreka Union High School District after 23 ½ years of service. Upon retirement, she became the treasurer of St. Mark's Thrift Shop and later took over the management of this operation.

Bettie was a 50 year member of Evening Star Chapter #10 in Etna, CA (one of the first chapters in California). She was initiated into this order in September of 1939 by her Aunt Kitty Briggs of Modesto (a state officer of the OES at that

time).

She was a member of the Siskiyou County Historical Society, Retired Public Employees Association of CA, lifelong member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Yreka, member of St. Mark's Altar Guild (being Directress for 10 years). She served on the St. Mark's Vestry for several terms and in later years was a member of the Worship Committee.

Bettie's life reflected her deep abiding love of family and church. Above all, she was a homemaker and enjoyed baking. Her greatest joy was going on a picnic on the beautiful Scott River. Her hobbies included reading, needlepoint, embroidery, and following politics.

Bettie's father, mother and sister, Ida, predeceased her. Her beloved husband, Herman, passed away in May of 2001 after 60 years of marriage.

Survivors include her sons and daughters in law, Jeff and Kathleen Hendryx, Michael and Connie Hendryx, her grandchildren, Matthew (Kimberly) Hendryx and Emilie Hendryx, and great-grandson, Liam Hendryx.

Friends are invited to attend graveside services on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the Fort Jones Masonic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers that you make a donation to a charity of your choice.