



Gertrude Sanders

June 29, 1927 - January 10, 2012

Gertrude Sanders, 84 year old long time Siskiyou County resident, passed away early Tuesday morning, January 10, 2012 at the Madrone Hospice House in Yreka. Known to family and friends as Gertie, she was born June 29, 1927 in Rotterdam, Holand to Henrick and Henrietta Stam. The family came to the U.S. when Gertie was 12 and she became a U.S. citizen shortly after that. She married Richard "Sandy" Sanders on June 19, 1948 in Las Vegas. She moved to Siskiyou County in 1956 with her husband and their 4 children. In her early years she loved her Quarter horses, breeding, raising and showing them. She also enjoyed tooling leather and always won blue ribbons at the Fair. There were always several fish aquariums around the house and growing flowers and a garden were some of her favorite things. She was always reading new cook books, looking for a great new recipe to try out on her family. Some were good and some were better left on the page. As Sandy was a cattle rancher, there was always cattle work to be done of which a cattle round-up crew would come to the ranch. Gertie would plan a great meal to be enjoyed by everyone. After retiring, she and Sandy bought a motor home and loved spending time in Crescent City fishing with their many friends. She loved all people, but most of all was a very loving mother and grandma. She has now joined her son, Sam and her husband, Sandy who preceded her in death. She is survived by her three daughters and their husbands, Billie Jean and Rick Banks of Reno, Yet and Richard Peters of Yreka and Trucy and Doug

Mott of Grenada; 6 grandchildren, Dena Finley, Becky Chase, Richard Banks, Katrena Kalleres, Lisa Hands and Chris Mott and 11 great grandchildren. Friends and family are invited to a visitation Friday evening, January 13, 2012 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Girdner Funeral Chapel in Yreka. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Girdner's with burial to follow in the Evergreen Cemetery next to Sandy. Memorial contributions may be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097.