



Margaret Hazel Alderman

October 27, 1924 - January 10, 2011

Margaret Hazel Alderman, eighty-six year old long time resident of Yreka, passed away quietly after a short illness at Fairchild Medical Center, January 10, 2011.

Margaret was born in Topeka, Kansas October 27, 1924 to Anna and Jesse Rhine.

She loved music and in her youth she played the piano, the violin and sang. During WWII, she worked in the Boeing aircraft factory assembling B-17 bombers. She was one of the original “Rosie, the Riveter’s”. After the war ended, she moved to California and became an administrative secretary for the Chrysler Corporation. There she met Edward Alderman. In 1959, they were married and their marriage lasted for 28 years. She worked for TRW for 14 years as an Administration Secretary in the newly formed Aerospace program.

Margaret and Edward moved to Yreka in 1974 where she became a secretary for the Newton Law firm. She also worked for the U.S. Forestry when she retired. Her husband Edward passed away in 1986.

She served as a volunteer at Siskiyou General Hospital for many hours.

Margaret was well known for her generosity to many individuals as well as helping to make Yreka a better place to live. She gave a sizeable contribution toward the Fairchild Medical Building fund and her favorite house of worship, the Yreka United Methodist Church. She also gave of her time to help raise money for the building of the YMCA. Just a few days prior to her passing, she

was still daily checking the stock market changes. She was an avid sports fan. Her baseball team was the Atlanta Braves. When Tiger Woods won a golf tournament, she was happy but when the Kansas City Chiefs played poorly, she was upset.

She is survived by a stepson, Lance Alderman from La Habra, California; a sister-in-law, Virginia Rhine, from Yreka and numerous nieces and nephews, including Cindy Shipley and Scott Rhine, Barbara King, and Lisa Jennings. Bonnie Whitlow of Yreka was considered the daughter she never had. Girdner Funeral Chapel made the arrangements for a private graveside service in the Evergreen Cemetery where she was placed next to her husband, Edward. A memorial service was held at the Yreka United Methodist Church and was attended by many friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Fairchild Medical Center Foundation, 444 Bruce St., Yreka, CA 96097 or to the Yreka United Methodist Church, 502 N. Fairchild St., Yreka, CA 96097.