



## Marjorie "Marge" Mendes

December 1, 1921 - June 7, 2012

Marjorie Mary Mendes, 90 year old Siskiyou County native, passed away on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at the Madrone Hospice House in Yreka.

Marjorie was born in Hilt on December 1, 1921 to Antone and Lucy George Mendes. She was raised in Hilt with her 4 siblings, Josie Mendes Benkosky, Florence Mendes Verandas, Ervin Mendes and Delores Mendes Gerds. She graduated from Hilt Elementary and Yreka High School. After high school, she lived in Yreka and, during World War II, worked at Siskiyou General Hospital in the laundry department. She moved back to Hilt to work at Fruit Growers Supply Company in the Box Factory, which assembled all of the wooden boxes for Sunkist in Southern California. When the box factory closed, she began working part-time at the Hilt Post Office. When Sunkist decided to close Hilt, Marge was the Officer-in-charge who closed the Hilt Post Office.

The family, consisting of her mother and father, moved to Hornbrook in 1973 as her mother had a rental house available there. They remodeled the house and moved in. Marge started working for the Hornbrook Post Office that year and retired from there in 1987.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Ervin, in 1953, her mother, Lucy, in 1976, her father, Tony, in 1978 and her 2 sisters, Josie and Florence. She is survived by her daughter, Pamela (Dave) Rowe, her younger sister, Delores (Arthur) Gerds and her nephew, Arthur Jr.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, June 15, 2012 at 10:00

a.m. in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Yreka with a reception following in the Parish Hall. Burial will be at 1:00 p.m. in the Henley-Hornbrook Cemetery in Hornbrook.