



## Shirlee H. Bates Holcomb

August 24, 1929 - August 17, 2013

Shirlee H. Bates was born August 24, 1929 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Roy Union Bates and Lorna Smith Bates. She was the last surviving child of five children born to Roy and Lorna. She passed away August 17, 2013, surrounded by her family at the Madrone Hospice House.

At the age of one year, her family moved to Southern California where she lived and worked most of her life. After some college she worked in aerospace where she spent several decades.

She married Richard E. Combs September 26, 1947 and had two children, Richard S. Combs and Cheryle S. Combs Moss. Richard E. Combs died February 14, 1972 and she remarried on November, 1, 1973 to Arthur E. Holcomb. Her family grew by three more children, Tom, Betty and Ron. She had five children, ten grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, where over the years she served in the Sunday School as a teacher and Stake Secretary, El Paso, Texas. She also served in the Young Women organization as a teacher and as a Cub Scout Leader.

When she moved to the Klamath River area she served as Treasurer for the Klamath Volunteer Hose Company (Fire Department). She worked until her health caused her to stop in supporting emergency operations like forest fire camps and hurricane and tornado relief centers across the country. The camps were set up in places for relief workers and firemen to live while they fought fires or worked to give aid to disaster victims.

She always worked hard to relieve the suffering of others and in support of those working to aid the unfortunate. She loved people and set the needs of others ahead of her own.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Miner St. in Yreka.