

Obituary

Melba Idona Cowden, 90

Melba Idona Cowden, 90, of Idaho Falls, Idaho passed away Monday, September 13, 2010 at Good Samaritan Hospice in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Melba was born June 23, 1920 in Blackfoot, Idaho to Elmer and Florence Eliza Daniels Brown Wright. She spent her childhood in Blackfoot graduating from Blackfoot High School in 1937.

On September 2, 1941 Melba married Lawrence "Pete" Merrill Cowden in Pocatello, Idaho. In 1964, after Pete became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Melba and Pete were sealed for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. Together they had two children, Douglas and Janna.

Melba was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving as ward librarian, in the Relief Society and as a wonderful primary teacher.

Melba worked for C.C. Anderson, the Blackfoot Creamery and at the Nuart Theater, where she fell in love with Pete. In her free time, she enjoyed writing poetry, reading cooking, crafting, sewing and caring for her family.

Melba is survived by her son, Douglas Cowden of Blackfoot; daughter, Janna (Bart) Baldree of Idaho Falls; sisters, Verla Fackrell and Glenna Whitten; grandchildren, Eric Cowden, Charee Wood, Scott Cowden, Michelle Cowden, Kyle Cowden, Anja Baldree, Cara Baldree, Jerod Baldree and BreAnna Fox.

Melba is preceded in death by her husband, Pete; daughter-in-law, Charlene Cowden; brothers, Elmer and Clayton; and sister, Doris Ockerman.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue in Blackfoot. Family will meet with friends and relatives for one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Interment will follow at the Grove City Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.

