

Obituary

Bernice Tolman Williams, 89

Bernice Tolman Williams, 89, our beloved mother, grandmother, sister and aunt passed away Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

Bernice was born in Oakley, Idaho on November 8, 1920 to William Alvin and Hattie Naomi Tolman.

Bernice was raised in Oakley, Idaho until 1939, then lived and graduated from high school in Pocatello. She worked in her brothers meat market called the Palace Market in Pocatello, then worked as a practical nurse for the Lynn Hospital and a silk finisher until 1943 when she moved to Portland Oregon to get married.

Bernice married Ezeriah (Ezra) Anthony Williams on January 11, 1943 and was later sealed for time and all eternity on April 1, 1967 in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

In Portland, Bernice went to night school learning shorthand and bookkeeping, then worked as a secretary until they moved to Harbor, Oregon to raise Easter lilies. In 1947 they moved to Pocatello Idaho where she worked for First Security Bank. In 1948 they moved to Blackfoot North of the Fair Grounds where they raised their family. She enjoyed being a wife, homemaker and mother above all. She taught harmonica and piano lessons and later she worked as a secretary for the Bingham County Senior Citizens Center.

Bernice served many positions in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints including serving a full time mission in the New England Vermont Mission. She was a scout leader for 20 years.

She was a talented florist. She enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, cooking, sewing, genealogy, dancing, playing the piano and was well known for playing the harmonica with her husband who played the saw in the Old Time Fiddlers Band.

Bernice was blessed to have 3 children, Roger (Mary Lou) Williams of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Signa (Christian) Hilton of Keizer, Oregon and Joy (George) Denning of Blackfoot. She enjoyed 5 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. She is survived by one sister Hattie (Ross) Stinger of Orem Utah. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and 9 brothers and sisters.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation and thanks to all doctors, nurses and health care workers throughout the years.

A viewing will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday June 6, 2010 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue in Blackfoot. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday June 7, 2010 at the Blackfoot First Ward Building, 187 N Ash St. in Blackfoot, friends may call from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. prior to services at the church. Interment will follow at the Basalt Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.

