



Irene Baker

July 12, 1920 - March 16, 2010

Irene Marguerite Baker, 89, died Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis. Irene was born on July 12, 1920, in Shanghai, China. She was the second child of Henry W. and Leonora Barrows. In 1931, the family returned to the United States. Irene began nurse's training at Columbia Union College in 1938, transferring to Washington Sanitarium and Hospital in 1940, completing her affiliations at Children's Hospital and at Johns Hopkins in surgery. Irene later continued her education at Walla Walla College, graduating in 1949 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing education. Irene met Prince V. Baker at WWC, and they married on Sept. 5, 1948. Prince graduated in 1950. Irene and Prince had three children, David Baker of Monroe, Virginia Baker of Sacramento, Calif., and Marguerite Burrill of Marysville, Wash. Irene worked primarily as a surgical nurse, but also in advisory positions. She worked at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene from 1960 to 1972, and at Good Samaritan Hospital from 1978 to 1992. Irene was very active in her church, especially in the children's departments, often playing the piano. Irene and Prince enjoyed living in the country, and Irene also shared in the responsibilities of running their farm, whether driving a tractor, harvesting and canning produce, helping tend the many animals, or assisting with the farm bookkeeping. Irene is survived by her husband; three children; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Monday, March 22, 2010, at the Albany Seventh-day Adventist Church. Burial will follow at Rest Lawn Cemetery in

Junction City. Memorial donations in Irene's name can be directed to the 3ABN Television Network in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330.

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“ *Sorry to hear of your loss of such a sweet lady. She was a hard working and kind person. She'll be missed.* ”

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