



# Seretha Evelyn Newell

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Seretha Evelyn Newell, 83, passed away Friday, Nov. 26, at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis.

Seretha was born in Hollis, Oklahoma, to Hugo and Little Upton. She married Joe Newell on Oct. 8, 1947, in Reno, Nevada.

Seretha spent the early part of her life in Oklahoma and California, but most her life was spent in Oregon. She worked hard all of her life and was the glue that held the family together. She loved working in her yard, gardening, painting, sewing and making quilts. She always was working on some type of project, either inside or outside her home.

Joe preceded her in death on Feb. 24, 2014. They were married for 66 years. Seretha also was preceded in death by daughter, Margaret Newell; son, Ricky Newell; four brothers, Clinton, Bill, James and Richard Upton; her parents; and two granddaughters, Tamara McKinney and Sara Johnson.

Seretha is survived by her daughters, Evelyn Hayes of John Day, and Betty Williams of Philomath; son, Wesley Newell of Blodgett; sister, Juanita Whitlock of Philomath; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A family gathering for the spreading of the ashes will take place this coming spring or summer.