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Carolyn Gearhart, 69

Dec. 12, 1935 - June 21, 2005

RENO, NV — Carolyn E. Malone Gearhart was born Dec. 12, 1935, in Missoula, MT. She received her childhood education at The Montana School for the Deaf & the Blind in Great Falls, MT. She worked for the Bureau of Reclamation in Cody, WY, and later in Billings, MT. She also worked for the Washoe County School District at Huffaker Elementary School as an aide and the University of Nevada, Reno in the Speech Pathology and Audiology Department, under the direction of Dr. Robert McFarlane as an interpreter for the deaf. She later became a self-employed certified interpreter for the deaf and worked in many areas in and around the Reno area, including the court system, school district, Nevada Legislature, General Motors and various hospitals. She died June 21, 2005, at Washoe Medical Center, Reno, NV, at age 69 years.

Preceding Carolyn in death are her parents, Ed and Ruth Malone; and a sister, Lillian Dickensheets. Survivors include her husband of 44 years, Stuart; children, Ruth Balch of Reno, NV; Renee Portnell of Sparks, NV; Rachel Likes of Tahoe City, CA; and Rollin Gearhart of Reno, NV; grandchildren, Stuart, Shauna and Sheylah Balch; Casey and Jackie Portnell; David and Lucas Likes; Wade and Alora Gearhart; siblings, Lois Pruitt of Tacoma, WA; Ruth Hart of Kent, WA; Bonnie Eldin of Kent, WA; Bill Malone of Hamilton, MT; and Myrt Idland of Surprise, AZ; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Charles (Esther) Gearhart of Harlan; Lynn Gearhart of Harlan; Hale (Shirley) Gearhart of Great Falls, MT; Myrna Poldberg of Harlan; and Shirley McDermott of Atlantic.