

## *Velma (Louise) Bowman*

Sept. 17, 1929 - March 26, 2022

Velma (Louise) Bowman, age 92, passed away Saturday, March 26, 2022, surrounded by family. Louise lived in Enterprise, OR.

Louise was born in Dunbar, NE, on Sept. 17, 1929 to Cecil and Grace Wallace. The family left Nebraska and moved to CA, then to Mississippi and then to Missouri and finally to Vancouver, WA., where Louise graduated from Columbia Academy in Battle Ground, WA. She then went to Walla Walla College where she met the love of her life, Gene Bowman. In 1949 they were married (they were married for 70 years). They were the parents to five boys. Louise was a homemaker, wife and mother for the first 14 years. She then taught school for 26 years; the last 10 years she taught high school English.

Louise loved gardening and sewing. She was an avid reader and also did ceramics. When she retired, both she and Gene joined the volunteer fire department where they lived in Shelter Valley, CA. They were active in the fire department for 14 years. They moved to Enterprise in 2006 to be close to their oldest son and family.

Louise was always an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church; she was a true student of the Bible.

Louise is survived by four sons and daughters-in-law: Dwight and Bonnie Bowman of Enterprise, OR; Glen and Nancy Bowman of Stanwood, WA; Tim and Seles Bowman of Orofino, ID; and Art and Lisette Bowman of Escondido, CA. She was blessed with 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son Donald and her husband Gene.

There will be a memorial service for Louise at the Enterprise Seventh-day Adventist Church on Saturday, April 23, at 3 p.m. Louise will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

The family wishes to express their appreciation for the excellent, loving care she received at the Wallowa Memorial Hospital the last few weeks of her life.

