

Annie Smith leaves legacy in family



Many family members and friends helped Annie celebrate her 100th birthday last June. In the front row (left to right) are Andrew David, Annie and her sister, Ruth Estabrook. In the back row (left to right) are Annie's children, Zelma Smith, Claude Smith, Sr., Mildred Tyler, Myrtle Monroe and Alvis Smith, Sr. Another daughter, Katherine Courtney is not shown due to a granddaughter's wedding.

interpreter for the Wasco Tribe. Her other activities included beadwork, drying salmon, canning and sewing.

Annie was fondly remembered at the Shaker and Presbyterian services held the four days after her death. It was Annie's request that Reverend Ed Machamer, who served as Presbyterian minister here for nearly 25 years, be asked to assist in her funeral rites. Machamer said he felt that a "page of history was turned over." He also said her life was not an easy one, having to travel by horseback and use kerosene lanterns and that Annie was a "hard worker. She had a large family to care for and a large ranch. She never was idle. She had lots to do and she did it."

Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum said that Annie "was a link with the past. We

don't have many Wasco elders left now. Spirits and souls must be fed by words and ways. She fulfilled the task helping to lead someone else down the traditional way." Grandson Uren Leonard said that it was his grandmother's way to love, care and help others. "She has always prayed for others."

Annie was born in The Dalles, at Watsuts, to Jim and Mary Jackson in 1882. In 1892, Annie, her parents, and her brother Charlie and her sister Ruth moved to Warm Springs where they lived on Shitike Creek, the Deschutes River (the "Wukmup" area) and in the Dry Hollow area. She married Wesley in 1899 and they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary before his death in 1969.

Her family lived in a tent in the Wukmup area. The old Smith barn still stands

where her family "worked the land." The property, which was at that time owned by Wesley's parents Robert and Annie Smith, was later purchased by Wesley and Annie, according to youngest daughter Zelma.

Annie will be missed by many people. Her immediate family includes six children, Myrtle Monroe, Mildred Tyler, Katherine Courtney, Alvis Smith, Sr., Claude Smith, Sr. and Zelma Smith. Zelma has been a constant companion to Annie nearly all her life and has cared for Annie and the ranch for many years. Annie was preceded in death by two sons, Victor in 1934 and Stanley in 1958. There are 47 grandchildren surviving and 131 great grandchildren. There are also 15 great, great grandchildren surviving. One sister, Ruth Estabrook, who lives



Annie (right) spend quite a lot of time with her sister-in-law Georgianna Jackson (left). In center is Annie's daughter Myrtle.

in Seekseequa, also survives.

Dressing ceremonies were held February 26, 1983 at the Madras Evergreen Chapel conducted by Stella McKinley and Mary Phillips. Services were held at the Warm Springs Shaker Church February 26, 27 and 28. Funeral services were February 28 at the Prebyterian Church in Warm Springs followed by burial at the Agency Cemetery.

A final tribute such as this to a person of Annie's stature and obvious respect is difficult to put into words. The sorrow of her loss will be felt for a long time, but she has left us with much wisdom and many memories—memories and a legacy that will continue through her children, their children and their children's children. This legacy is the greatest tribute of all.



Watsuts, on the Columbia River near The Dalles, was Annie's birthplace. She returned there many times with her family to catch and prepare salmon. Some of the buildings at Watsuts are currently located near The Portage Inn in The Dalles.



Annie and Wesley married in 1899, according to family members. They were married 70 years before Wesley's death in 1969.