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Whatever happened to Mae Gunnell?

MAE GUNNELL MURRAY



RUPERT — Mae Gunnell Murray, 96, Rupert, died Monday, Nov. 9, 1998, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care facility due to problems of old age.

She was born Jan. 19, 1902, in Central, Idaho (between Grace and Banks, Idaho) to Robert B. and Agnes Kerr Gunnell. Her father had just homesteaded a dry farm in that area. During her younger years, she spent time in Woodville, Utah, helping her grandmother and also attending Whiteside grade school and South Central High School in Logansport, Utah.

She married Vernon Murray in Logan, Utah, on Dec. 20, 1922. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple. After their marriage they moved to Paul and operated a sugarbeet farm for the sugar company until purchasing their own farm near Paul. In 1940 they pur-

chased a farm near Paul, Idaho. After several cold winters they moved back to Rupert, purchasing a farm northwest of town. Her son Don currently resides on that farm.

She was always busy with the LDS Church, working in the Relief Society and Primary. She was active in Daughters of Utah Pioneers and was the grand marshal of their annual Founders Day Parade held each Labor Day in Wellsville.

Over several years time, she acquired a collection of ladies clothing from 1890 to the early 1900s and put on style shows for church and civic events.

She and Vern were members of the American Legion and Auxiliary posts in Paul and Rupert. After her husband died in 1982, she moved to Logan, residing at Williamsburg Retirement Center for 11 years. She spent a lot of her time organizing programs and activities for those residing there.

She is survived by her three children, Maxine (Herbert) DeVita of Salt Lake City, V. Jack (Romane Sue) Murray of Logan and Don R. (Cornnie) Murray of Rupert. She also has nine grand children, 14 great grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and four brothers.

Services will be held at noon Saturday, Nov. 7, 1998, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Burial will be in Paul Cemetery.

Family and friends may call at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel from 10 a.m. until time of the ser-



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—Mrs. Mae Gunnell Murray

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