

BIDDY, Sedonia Owen, 96, of San Jose, seamstress. Private inurnment in Sonoma. Arrangements by Darling-Fischer Chapel of the Hills, Los Gatos.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. SEDONIA BIDDY

Sedonia Bingel was born July 4, 1894 in Seneca, Missouri to Philip and Julia Bingel, the eleventh of eleven children. Her early years of life and early childhood education occurred in and around Seneca, Missouri. The family then moved to Metz, Missouri where she grew into her teen years.

Early in life Sedonia attended Worship Services and Sunday School at the Methodist Church where she also was baptized. During her youth she also took up sewing and learned it well. This proved to be a beneficial asset to her occupational career as she was employed as a seamstress in a garment factory in Kansas City, Missouri where she had moved at about eighteen years of age.

It was while working in Kansas City that she met Richard E. Owen. Following a short courtship they were married on July 21, 1913. To this union were born five children: Louise, Bonnie, Dick, LeAlta, and Bob.

Mrs. Owen was a very dedicated mother, homemaker, and career woman. Family situations necessitated the full time career. The career did not decrease her commitment to her family as she took excellent care of the children, often creating many of the clothes both for herself and her family, and keeping an immaculate house.

In 1943 as an effort to help and encourage her husband the family moved to Visalia, California. Once settled in she took up temporary employment as a housekeeper and care-giver for an aging Visalian.

In 1945 she accepted employment as a drapery seamstress for a local Interior Decorator.

The challenges of raising a family were greater than usual as she cared for an alcoholic husband as well. He passed away in 1952 some time after they had been divorced.

In 1958 at the age of 64 Sedonia married Mr. Manuel Tait and moved to a ranch near Tulare, California. This was also the time when Mrs. Tait first learned to drive a car. She and the car got along very well, however her daughters report at times her passengers didn't fair quite as well.

Husband Manuel died of a heart attack two years after their marriage, and Sedonia returned to Visalia where she lived alone until 1969. That year she suffered a stroke and moved in with daughter LeAlta during recovery.

The following year, November 1970 Sedonia was married to Mr. Amos Biddy. They enjoyed life in Visalia until 1977 at which time they moved to Sanger, California. Then in 1980 Mr. Biddy passed away and Mrs. Biddy moved closer to the children living in San Jose, California.

She set up home in an apartment off Camden Avenue until February of 1981 at which time she moved to Lincoln Glen Manor. She greatly enjoyed the residents of Lincoln Glen Manor, and cherished times when family would come and visit, which occurred often.

Mrs. Biddy passed away on Wednesday June 12, 1991.

In addition to her dedication to her family she also participated in Church life in each location whether Methodist, Baptist, or Church of God. Her love for her Savior, the Lord Jesus, and his love for her sustained her in the passages of life.

She also enjoyed the association of fellow lodge members in the Rebecca Lodge.

Her family of five children and their spouses, ten grandchildren and their families, sixteen great grandchildren, and seven great, great grandchildren grieve her departure. But their assurance is that one day they will be reunited when Jesus comes to take home to be with him all who have put their trust in God's redeeming grace. We sorrow, but not without hope.

The Family

