

Myrtle Mason, 79

Nov. 8, 1924 - Dec. 18, 2003

OMAHA, NE – Myrtle Arline (Monson) Mason was born Nov. 8, 1924, in Wilmer, MN. She was baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, and was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church. She graduated from Irwin High School in 1942, and then from Immanuel Lutheran with her degree in nursing in 1947, where she also practiced as an R.N.

She married Dr. Roger Dale Mason July 23, 1954, in Brookings, SD, and together, they shared a lifetime commitment to the medical profession, building their first medical practice in Conrad, MT and a second in McCook, NE, before moving back to Omaha, where Dr. Mason served as Chief Medical Officer for Blue Cross Blue Shield until they retired to Green Valley, AZ, in 1991. Myrtle's commitment to the medical profession through her own work, and support of her husband, spanned a lifetime. She died Dec. 18, 2003, in Omaha, NE, at age 79.

Myrtle was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Dale Mason; their daughter, Claudia Sue; grandchildren, Tiffany and Nichole Mason, and Lance Sterling Barger; her parents, Ephraim S. and Mollie C. (Thompson) Monson; brothers, Sanford, Herman, Orval and Archie; sisters, Evona Mae and Alvah; and brothers-in-law, Bert Olson, Harry Pump and Gaylord Johnson. She is survived by her son, Eric R. (Jeri) Mason of Kansas City, MO; her daughters, Karen M. (John) Bellman of Lynn Haven, FL; and Denise M. (Michael B.) Chambers of Broken Arrow, OK; her grandchildren, Miranda Sue Mason, Ryan P. Mason, Brady A. Barger, Briana A. Barger and Matthew J. Bellman; and great granddaughters, Kelsi Lynn Mason, Mariah K. Mason and Cierra Kay de la Garza; her sisters, Thelma Olson of Irwin and Ruby Pump of Peterson; her brother, Elmer Monson of Huntley, IL; and her sister-in-law, Lillian Monson of Green Valley, AZ; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services were held at Dec. 22, 2003, at Roeder Mortuaries, Omaha, NE.