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Helen Van De Brake, 64

Helen Van De Brake, 64, died in Spokane, Wash., May 31, 1992 after a lengthy illness. Memorial services were held June 3 in the Colonial Chapel of the Hazen & Jaeger Funeral Home, Spokane, with the Rev. Robin Garvin officiating.

Helen (Irish) Van De Brake was born March 30, 1928 at Doland. She moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Irish, and family to Aberdeen where she spent her formative years and completed her elementary and high school education. She worked at the Capitol Cafe for a few years prior to her marriage.

She married Robert Van De Brake in 1947 at Aberdeen and they made their home in Groton where her husband was employed at the Ford garage. Five children were born to them in Groton. The family moved to Spokane in 1961 where her husband was employed by the city. An industrial accident claimed his life in 1970.

Helen worked as head banquet waitress at the Ridpath Hotel in Spokane for ten years until her retirement in 1978. She remained at home and helped care for her two grandchildren until they moved to Oregon. Helen was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and an avid sports fan.

Survivors include three sons, David Van De Brake, Aloha, Ore.; Steven Van De Brake, Chatteroy, Wash.; Patrick Van De Brake, Spokane; two daughters, Mrs. Larry (Sandra) McCauley and Lynn Van De Brake, both of Spokane; two grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Layton (Mary Lou) Lower, Las Vegas; Mrs. Gene (JoAnne) Fluke, Silverton, Ore.; and Sharon Irish, Studio City, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one sister.