

From the Friday, July 20, 2012 edition of the Lewiston (Idaho) Tribune:

Carole L. Vande Voorde, 78, of Asotin (Washington), passed away July 7, 2012, at her daughter's home in Albuquerque, N.M. Carole was born July 3, 1934, in Marshall, Minn., to Orval and Nora Curwick. She was their only daughter, but was raised with five brothers, and was proud to be as tough as any of them. She graduated from Marshall High School in 1952. In Minnesota she met and married Henry (Hank) Vande Voorde Jr. They were married 52 years, until his death in 2005. After their wedding, Carole and Hank moved West for his career in the plywood industry. Over those years they lived in Oregon, Colorado, Idaho and Washington. Carole was a fun and loving mother to her six children, and was very active outside the home. She often chose roles where she could work with teenagers, whom she enjoyed very much. In Cortez, Colo., she coached the city swim team, and directed plays for the civic theater and the local high school. She used her theater experience to create very elaborate Halloween costumes for herself. She also spent time in the newspaper business, and was the manager of the Chamber of Commerce. In Pierce, Carole worked in the office at Timberline High School, and managed the community swimming pool. When the family moved to Asotin in 1980, her active lifestyle continued. She rafted the Snake River into her late 60s. She was an avid birder, traveling all over the U.S. and the world to see over 700 different types of birds in her lifetime. She was a past president of The Canyon Birders, a birding club in the Lewis-Clark Valley. She was also active in the Newcomer's Club, a bridge club, the Twin City Twirlers square dance club, the Hi-Lo Chrysanthemum Society, and the always-informal Gayla's Anarchist Gardeners. She was a Master Gardener, and Master Gardener Emeritus through the Washington State University Extension program. Her own gardens reflected her passion, and several times were chosen as a stop on valley garden tours. For many years she was the superintendent of flowers at the Asotin County Fair. She is survived by six children: Lucy Miller, Mark Vande Voorde and his wife Robin, Michael (Eli) Vande Voorde and his wife Rebecca, Karen Eastman and her partner Marc Hunt, Julie Vande Voorde and her husband Tony Keys, and Matt Vande Voorde and his fiancée Kimberly Got; 10 grandchildren, Chris, Brian, Margaret, Sarah, Michael, Sally, Levi, Jessica, Samantha and Adrienne; four great-grandchildren, Calvin, Amity, Mercadies and Bryten; a great-great-granddaughter, Kinsley; and three brothers, Paul, Bill, and Mike Curwick. Besides her husband, Carole was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Mackenzie, and brothers Chuck and John Curwick. A memorial celebration is at noon July 28 at the Asotin Lions Club, 118 Second St. Memorial contributions may be made to one's favorite charity.