

ANNA SIERRA PRESTON – Wintu Elder Memorial

Anna Sierra Preston, of Wintu and Choctaw tribal ancestry, was born on January 3, 1919 in Oakland, California and died September 6, 2008. She was the daughter of William & Leona (Trammell) Jackson, and in 1942 married Arthur Preston of the Pit River Tribe, who preceded her in death in 1981. Sierra was 89, and had resided in Oroville for over 50 years, after making Alturas her family's home.



Sierra is survived by a brother Nealie Gene Jackson, her children Richard, Gene, Phyllis, Lucky, step-son Donald, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Starting in 1943, Sierra began her active part in the lives of rearing 38 grandchildren and foster children.

Sierra attended Sherman Indian School in Riverside from the age of 8 to 18, where she became a class President, played the violin in the school orchestra, served on the swim team and was a peer-counselor. She received an honorary high school diploma from the Butte County Office of Education in 1993.

She held strong to her efforts to support American Indian community organizations. Sierra was respectfully recognized as an American Indian elder by the Nor El Muk Wintu Nation, California Indian Center Directors, and by the City of Oroville. She was a member of the California Indian Education Association, Northern Valley Indian Health, served as a Deacon at the First Baptist Church, and attended many fellowship camp meetings, conferences, and powwows.

Friends of the Preston family are invited to attend a memorial and celebration of Sierra's life on **Sunday, September 21, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** at the Sank Park located at 1067 Montgomery Street in Oroville. In lieu of flowers, monetary or food contributions may be donated with respect to the gathering. For more information contact: Phyllis Preston at (916) 267-4599

