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Our Memories of Bessie -

Bessie is a very special lady, special in many ways. I remember her best as always knowing how to do anything and everything. She could sew, cook, can, raise a garden and flowers, knit beautiful sweaters and afghans, crochet, bookkeeping, genealogy, knowledge about legal things, also about the church, the gospel and the scriptures, teach a lesson and do it so well. I remember her callings in the church were so faithfully rendered, Relief Society president, the tender loving care it requires, and the Library to mention a few. We still use many items she prepared for the Library which took a great deal of time and devotion.

One time when I was called to be Relief Society President, and feeling very unsure of myself too, the Bishop called to tell me that an elderly sister in our ward had passed away, would I please take care of the needs in the home then, dress her for burial. I had never done anything like that -- but who should come to my rescue - Bessie. It was a difficult situation, she knew what to do - I learned a lot from that experience. Oh, How very grateful I was for her.

Bessie has helped me so much over the years, teaching me how to do many things, sharing her wonderful recipes, especially when we were first married and we visited Melvin & Bessie at the Chilchukito Trading Post.

We can't leave out Melvin, he was such a good, fun person, always joking and laughing, both of them were fun to be with. Jewel and I remember how well they danced together. They seemed to thoroughly enjoy each other too.

Bessie is a dear sweet sister to us, we want her to know that, Even though there have been changes over the years, losing Melvin and all, raising her family and facing ^{the} challenges of life, for the most part alone, we hold her in high esteem and wish her many more years to enjoy her family, grandchildren, and friends.

Sincerely and With Our Love,
Jewel and Leone

