

Audry Shirley Prindle

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Audry was born Audry Maurine Shirley, in Burlington, Kan., to Harry E. Shirley and Ruth Berry. She was the second daughter in a family of four girls.

In the fourth grade, Audry became interested in music and made it a lifetime passion. Her family moved to Corvallis at the beginning of her high-school years. Throughout her school years, she sang as the lead in high school operettas and as alto lead in a quartet her junior and senior years. She attended Oregon State University and the University of Washington, from which she earned her master's degree in music education. She taught music and became supervisor of grade-school music in Corvallis. She married her high school sweetheart, Harold Prindle, in 1937.

During the 1930s and '40s she sang with groups that were broadcast on the radio and to the troops. She was the paid alto soloist for New York Avenue Presbyterian Church when Peter Marshall was the pastor and had an outstanding career in music with both paid and non-paid positions. After World War II, they were transferred to St. Paul, Minn., by the Department of Agriculture. They lived there for eight years and their three children were born there. Lynne was born in 1951 and the twins, Barry and Brian, in 1955. The family was transferred by the Department of Agriculture and moved several times from Minnesota to Oregon, Virginia and Idaho.

Audry and Harold settled in a retirement community in Salem in 1978 and lived there for close to 20 years. She enjoyed golfing, singing in choral groups and driving to the Oregon coast on Sunday afternoons. After 58 years together, Harold died in 1995. Audry moved to Alterra in Boise in 1998 to be near Brian, Barry and their families.

Audry leaves behind her sister, Eileen Price; three children, Lynne and husband Dave, Barry and wife Becky, and Brian and wife Sharon; five grandchildren, Dana Reider and husband Robbie, Kindra Keene and husband Mike, Nikki Prindle, Jason Prindle and Christopher Prindle and wife Kiah; and five great grandchildren, Olson, Avery, Julian, Ryker and Aila.