

Billie Kane, 77

Dec. 17, 1923 – May 7, 2001†

MORRO BAY, CA – Billie Keane was born Dec. 17, 1923 in Harlan. She graduated from Harlan High School in 1941. In 1939, she was crowned Miss Harlan and was also honored with the Miss Western Iowa crown in 1940. She was actively involved with the United Cerebral Palsy organization during the mid-1950's; she was named the Iowa State Secretary for the Women's Division of the UCP in 1956. Her interests were in charitable work and she retired as an employee of the Achievement House in the early 1990's. At one time she owned her own dance school in Iowa, and specialized in teaching tap dance and ballroom dancing. She had been a resident of Morro Bay since 1974. She died May 7, 2001, at age 77.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dale and Dora Shipp of Harlan; brother, Dale Shipp of Thermopolis, WY; and sister, Margaret Gentry of Redding, CA. She is survived by her sister, Eleanor Edwards of Ashland, NE; daughters, Karen Ewall of Rangely, CO; Barbara Zehner of Rangely, CO and Deborah Fenstermacher (Jim) of Key West, FL; son and daughter-in-law, Kevin (Sandy) Oneal Kane of Paso Robles; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.
