WILLIS & GERKING FAMILY PICTURES

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Left to Right Back Row: Ron Boeshi, Daniel Kilkenny, Bart Griswold, William Granger, Susan (Dreska) McBurnett, Fred Lopez, Rosalie (Brodent) Lopez, James Hollenbors.
Left to Right Middle Row: Cleve (Porter-Smith) Boeshi, Lauren Griswold, Chris Hollenbors, Roseanne (Jackson) Holm, Elva Jackson, Michelle Fritz, Beno Hollenbors.
Left to Right Front Row: Marge (Glover) Dryden, Bonnie (Glover) Griswold, Bryant Jackson, Janelle Jackson, Mike Dreska, Gloria Dreska.
Below left: Marge Dryden giving the eulogy
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Lucy Gerking Is Dead at 97

ATHENA.—Mrs. Lucy Gerking, 97, died Monday at the home of her son George R. Gerking and the funeral was arranged for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Christian church here with the Revs. O. D. Harris of Pendleton and Paul Moore of Athena in charge.

Mrs. Gerking, who was born in Indiana, October 9, 1848 accompanied her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Potterff to Iowa and in 1862 they came with an immigrant train to Oregon.

This was known as the Iowa immigration train and most of those in the party stopped in the Grande Ronde valley at what was Old Town, now part of La Grande. The Potterffs remained there for a time then went on to western Oregon settling near Silverton.

Lucy Potterff was married May 30, 1866 to Jonathan Napoleon Boneparte Gerking and they moved to Athena in 1872 settling northwest of town on what is known as Gerking flats. Her husband died several years ago.

Ten children were born of whom seven survive: Mrs. Minnie Saylor, Hermiston; Mrs. Fay Becker, Bend; Ray Gerking, Bend; Otis Gerking, Woodburn; Grover Gerking Portland; Charles Gerking, Pendleton and George Gerking, Athena.

Mrs. Gerking was the last charter member of the Athena Christian which was organized in 1873 and had been quite active in the organization until quite recently.
Born, Benjamin T. Gerking, Aug.

Gatensia Gerking, March 17, 1847. Benton
Co., Missouri.

Born to Benjamin T. and Gatensia Gerking
Hannah Maud Gerking, Sept. 5, 1878.

Frank Willis Gerking, Jan. 5, 1879.

William Henry Gerking, March 17, 1881.

Eleanor Made Gerking, Feb. 22, 1884.

May Cleveland, Gerking, March 13, 1885.

Benjamin Gerking, Oct. 23, 1887.

Joseph Inez Gerking, Oct. 9, 1889.