



LELAND AND ALICE ENGLE

Leland and Alice Engle were both born in Limon, Colorado in 1910 and 1919 respectively. Their photos above, were taken when they were about 18 years old. They both attended school through the 8th grade, which was the expectation in that part of the country and began working soon after, on the families farms on the east Colorado prairie. As young adults, they moved to Colorado Springs, got married and began a family. In 1946, they brought their family to Oregon and raised their five children, spending most of their working lives in Coos Bay. Leland was a Fire Warden for Menasha Lumber Company and Alice was a surgical nurse at McCauley Hospital and later at the new Bay Area Hospital, shortly before her retirement.

After working many years as a surgical nurse's aide, Mrs. Engle took advantage of the Licensed Practical Nursing program which was offered at SWOCC. She completed her GED and the 48 week LPN Nursing Program and graduated with the 8th nursing class at the college, in August of 1970..... at the age of fifty!

Though neither Leland nor Alice had the advantage of a high school diploma during their working life, they succeeded in providing a comfortable existence for their family and raised all five of their children to know the value of education and hard work, and were excellent role models.

The children of Leland and Alice Engle, hope that their parents will be remembered as people who exemplified the qualities that are necessary to be successful in life's work, successful as parents and as contributing members of our community.