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Helen (front right) sits with her two sisters, four brothers and parents for a photo taken some time during the middle of the 1930s.



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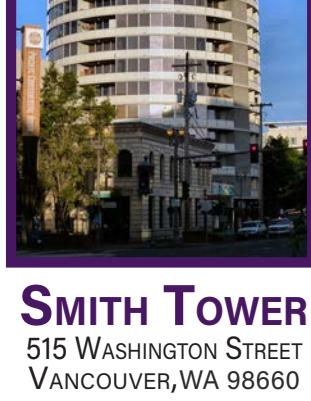
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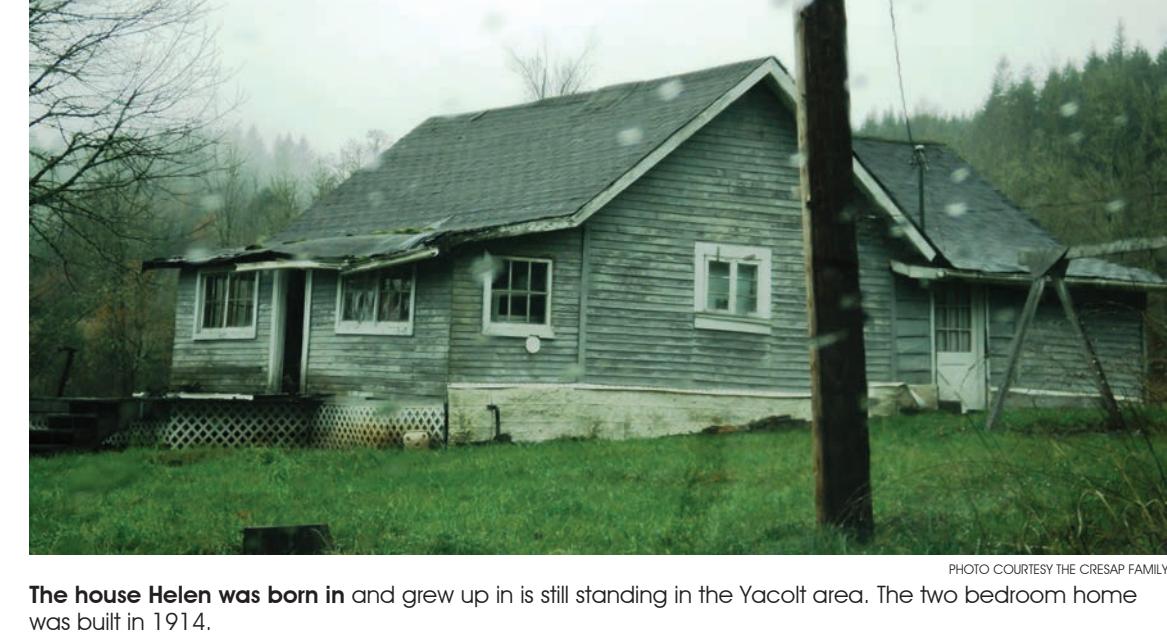


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The house Helen was born in and grew up in is still standing in the Yacolt area. The two bedroom home was built in 1914.

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and purpose of the organization is

"To live peaceably, do good unto all, as we have opportunity and especially to obey the Golden Rule, Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye even so unto them."

Helen still lives by this motto today. Her 100th birthday wish is for the people of the world to be happy and healthy.

Along with serving on the election board and joining local organizations, Helen and Joe took part in community events like the burial of the local time capsule.

"Mom was there when the buried the original time capsule at the old city hall and she was there when they buried the most recent one at the new city hall," Gloria explained.

Being around for the growth of Battle Ground wasn't the only thing the duo did in their lifetime. In the 1960s, they went to Alaska to watch the filming of the National Geographic Documentary "Rafting the Yukon." During this time, her and Joe would travel around and explore the country in their RV, visiting



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Helen (right) sits with her two daughters Gloria (left) and Ruthie during a photo taken around 1945 to 1946.

whatever they found interesting. As for Helen's favorite place on Earth, she said Kah-Nee-Tah Hot Springs in Central Oregon.

For Gloria, a few distinct memories stick out to her about the kind of person her mom is.

"She really taught me and my sister responsibility, the meaning of the dollar and how to pay the bills," Gloria said, mentioning that one fun memory sticks out in particular. "There was this one time where we had a dime and we asked mom to turn it into two nickels. To this day, I still don't know how she managed to pull two nickels out of her hand when she pretended to bend the dime, but she did."

According to Gloria, along with teaching her and her sister the value of money and hard work, she also

taught the kids how to be family oriented and kind to one another.

"She is very family oriented and the best gift she could ever get was a happy and healthy family," Gloria explained.

Helen has three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren and every single member of the family grew up in Battle Ground and went to Battle Ground schools. Most of the family still lives in the area, with a couple living nearby. In 2004, the City of Battle Ground dedicated Cresap Park near Eaton Boulevard in honor of the family.

As for birthday celebrations, much of the family is keeping that secret until the big day. But one thing is for sure, the party is bound to have some of Helen's favorite food, Drumstick Ice Cream Cones.

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