

OBITUARIES

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HAZEL P. HEATH

Homer resident Hazel P. Heath, 88, died May 29, 1998, at South Peninsula Long Term Care.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Homer Elks Lodge.

Mrs. Heath was born Dec. 9, 1909, in Athena, Ore. She graduated from high school in Helix, Ore., in 1928, then attended business college in Seattle.

Mrs. Heath was mayor of the City of Homer from 1968 to 1976; a member of the Alaska Municipal League; and the first woman president of the Conference of Mayors.

She established Homer Artists in 1968; was treasurer of the Homer Society of Natural History Inc. from 1968 to 1983; and a member of the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce since 1967. She served on the board of directors as Homer Chamber of Commerce representative until 1984 and was an active member until 1986.

Mrs. Heath was a charter member of the Alaska Visitors Association during the 1950s, chairman of its Resolutions Committee for two years, and served two years on its board of directors. Gov. Jay Hammond appointed her to the Governor's Tourism Advisory Board. Mrs. Heath formerly served on the Executive Committee of the Kenai Peninsula Development Council. She was appointed borough chairman in 1967.

Mrs. Heath also served on Alaska Historical Society board of directors for two terms with and was an active member until 1986. She belonged to the Kenai Peninsula Historical Association since 1973 and was its president for two years.

Mrs. Heath was a lifetime member of the Homer Emblem Club and member of the Homer Flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. She served two years as president of the Kenai Peninsula Community College Council during a 10-year membership. She served on the Homer Advisory Committee in 1986 and was arts and crafts editor for Alaska Magazine for five years.

Mrs. Heath helped found Peninsula Savings and Loan Association and served on the board of directors as vice chairman, executive chairman, and on the Loan

Commission. She belonged to the Republican Party of Alaska and National Republican Party.

Mrs. Heath was appointed by Gov. Jay Hammond to the Older Alaskans Commission and served three years as chairman until that term ended in 1985. She was re-appointed by Gov. Sheffield to another four-year term.

Mrs. Heath served as chair of the Housing Committee for the Homer Senior Citizens. She served on the Building Committee and aided in expansion.

Mrs. Heath was involved in Pioneer Investments and Beluga Investments as a partner in land development.

She is survived by two nephews, Lyle and Randy Parrish of Washington state.