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Gretchen Seely

A Gearhart resident for the past 14 years, Gretchen Seely, 65, of 201 N.W. 3rd, died Friday in an Astoria hospital, where she had been a patient for the past three weeks.

The daughter of Edwin and Katherine Kelly Barkhoefer, she was born April 22, 1912, in Ft. Benton, Mont. She graduated from the St. Vincent School of Nursing in Portland. Mrs. Seely worked as a nurse in the Portland area and married John Franklin Seely in Stevenson, Wash., July 3, 1934. She continued to work as a nurse until the end of World War II.

She resumed nursing in Walla Walla, Wash., from 1952 until 1963, when her husband retired and they moved to Gearhart Mr. Seely died last January.

Surviving is a son, Douglas B. Seely, Portland; a daughter, Katherine Wright, Boise, Idaho; and two sisters, Rosemary Schmidt, Portland, and Katherine Barkhoefer, Ft. Benton, Mont.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church, Seaside. Arrangements in care of Hughes-Ransom Mortuary, Seaside. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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