

Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Proudly “Spotlights” our February 2011
Patriot of the Month



**Onalee “Connie”
Sheaffer Price**

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Mary Sibley Chapter
Harrisonville, Missouri



Onalee “Connie” Sheaffer graduated high school in Rogers, Arkansas, in 1942. She obtained her nursing degree from the Arkansas Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas. She worked as a civilian at the Cedar of Lebanon Hospital, Los Angeles, California and the Kapiolani Maternity and Gynecological Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Connie volunteered August 25, 1950 to serve in the United States Navy Nurse Corps. She began her military career at Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas during the Korean Conflict. She was sent to a tropical disease center at Longview, Texas, and then to McCloskey General Orthopedic Center at Temple, Texas.

Connie was then assigned to the Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego, California. While there, she requested inactive duty to join her husband who had returned to Cass County, Missouri to care for elderly parents. Connie remained in the Naval Nurse Corps Reserve until May 1958.

After leaving the Reserves and while raising her family, she continued a lifetime of service to her community and to the State of Missouri. She continued her nursing at Cass County Missouri Hospital and working for a

local doctor. She then served as the district school nurse for the Harrisonville School System for thirty-two years. She was responsible for kindergarten through twelfth grade and the Vocational Technical School.

Connie has also served as a private duty nurse, secretary for the Missouri State School Nurses Association, and has been active in the Cass County Registered Nurses Organization. Active in the Veterans Foreign War Auxiliary, she has served as President five times. Connie is active in the American Legion Auxiliary and belongs to the Cass County Historical Society and Genealogy Group.

Connie and her husband were always active in the Methodist Church where they were in charge of the young people's youth activities for many years. Connie's hobby is playing the piano and she plays the piano at nursing homes.

Connie was recently honored for twenty-five years membership and service to the Mary Sibley Chapter DAR. She has served as Chaplain for the chapter for the last six years. Representing NSDAR, she volunteers at the Kansas City Veterans Hospital.

Connie lost her husband of fifty-six years in 2004. They had two sons and five grandchildren. She continues to reside on their family farm, established in 1877.