



Louise Shadduck: Outstanding in whatever she tackles

Louise Shadduck's roots in National Federation of Press Women reach back more than 40 years to 1958. It's difficult to identify the pinnacle of Louise's success.

She served as president of Idaho Press Women in 1966 and was named NFPW Woman of Achievement the following year. She went on to serve as NFPW President from 1971 to 1973.

She was named NFPW Communicator of Achievement in 1994 and received the President's Award the same year. In 2000 she was honored as the NFPW Woman of the Millennium.

Her own state views her as an individual "making a difference."

Louise was among the 100 Idahoans honored by the Idaho Centennial Commission in 1990 at the "Here We Have Idaho: People Make the Difference" observance. In the magazine published by the Idaho Centennial Homecoming Commission, historian and author Keith Peterson wrote of her:

"Louise Shadduck has a painting of her parents' farmhouse above the mantel in her home on the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene. You can feel the meadow grass in the painting rippling in the breeze as she talks about her first memory, 'lying in the grass, watching the clouds stream by.'

"She is a one-person networking system for Idaho, which she considers a small village where people know each other and help each other out. She recalls driving a tour of national travel writers down a road in New Meadows and greeting a rider herding cattle with, 'Hello, Governor.'

"This prompted her friend, ex-Governor Len Jordan, to ride over and chat with the group. When one of the writers later asked, 'Do you know everyone in Idaho?' Shadduck could almost answer, 'Yes.'"

During the early 1960s she was Idaho's Secretary of Commerce and Development, the first woman in that position in any state in the country. She felt strongly that she

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owed a debt to other women to do the very best job she could, which she did throughout her rich governmental career. This included serving as aide to Governor C.A. Robins, Senator Henry Dworshak and Congressman Orval Hansen, and working as executive director of the Idaho Forest Industry Council.

Her many community service projects, including bringing in the National Girl Scout Roundup, the National Boy Scout Jamboree and America's first World Jamboree to Farragut State Park, were noted in 1969 by the University of Idaho with an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree.

Small wonder that Louise was inducted into the Idaho Hall of Fame in 1996.

Whether in speeches or in print, Louise conveys the warmth and humor that are her trademarks. She has written several books, one of those about the immigrant sheepman, Andy Little. She felt his life and family embodied the friendliness of Idaho which she holds so dear.