



Alma "Cookie" Brown

May 24, 1909 - October 25, 2008

GLENDIVE, MONTANA: Alma Mae "Cookie" Brown, 99, departed this world on 25th of October 2008 at her home in Glendive.

Visitation will be from 9:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. on Monday, October 27, 2008 at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive. A Vigil Service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, October 27, 2008 in the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 A.M., on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Glendive with Fr. Joseph Ponessa officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with the arrangements.

Alma was born on the 24th of May, 1909, in Omaha, Nebraska the daughter of Edward Henry and Christine Ethel (Williams) Gotch

Alma's 99 years of spirited adventures indeed began at birth. Alma was born under three pounds and slept in a shoebox for the first few months of her life as her size was too small for a cradle. Alma graduated from Central High School in Omaha, subsequently worked as a dental assistant. She encountered her future husband, at a dance in Omaha, Nebraska while Dr. Brown was attending Creighton University School of Dentistry. After meeting Jim, she showed her adventurous side by giving up city life to travel by train to unknown rugged territory, to marry the late Dr. James O'Day Brown Sr. on December 29, 1929 in Bismarck, North Dakota. After their marriage, they relocated to Glendive, Montana where she resided for more than three

quarters of her life. Alma's adventure continued as she helped her husband open his dental practice during the stock market crash, great depression, recession, and then drought. During these hard times, they would barter with their clients, exchanging eggs, milk, etc. for dental work. Placing her items needing refrigerated on an outside ledge in winter, so they would stay cold. In all of these spirited adventures, Alma could have chosen to retreat back to the city, but instead chose to embrace her new life with love for the people and the town.

Alma was an avid golfer in early days and one of the founding members of the original Glendive Elks Golf Course. She and her husband became one of the first life duplicate bridge masters in this area. She continued playing bridge on a regular basis until recently. She enjoyed her family, cooking, traveling, knitting, gardening, reading, conversations and helping others. Certainly, Alma's final spirited adventure will be full of inspiring reunions with all those who have departed her life and especially her husband and love of her life. Alma was preceded in death by her beloved husband of sixty-four years, brother, Charles Edward Gotch, her parents, two grandchildren, and recently, a son-in-law (Moe Arellano).

Alma is survived by two daughters and one son, Kay Arellano of Glendive, James O'Day Brown Jr. (Karen Sue Linnan Brown) of Sioux City, Iowa, and June (Robert Langenfeld) of Carroll, Iowa. She is also survived by 16 Grandchildren, 46 Great Grandchildren, 9 Great-Great Grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to Glendive Hospice or a Memorial of your choice.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at:www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com

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“ *Alma "Cookie" Brown*

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