



## Avis Zopfi

April 21, 1912 - February 12, 2010

Avis Zopfi, age 97, of Bozeman, Montana, formerly of Wibaux, Montana, passed away on Friday, February 5, 2010. Visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., Friday, February 12, 2010, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Wibaux. Funeral Services will be held at 1:30 P.M., Friday, February 12, 2010, at the United Methodist Church in Wibaux with Brother Guy Pontoriero officiating. Interment will follow in the Wibaux Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux is entrusted with arrangements. Avis (Butler) Zopfi was born April 21, 1912, in Williston, North Dakota. She grew up in Williston, and she enjoyed a very happy childhood with three siblings and loving parents. She attended college for two years at Valley City, ND and taught a combination of third and fourth grades in Alexander, ND for two years. She continued her education at the University of ND in Grand Forks and was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. She graduated with a BS Degree and then taught and was Principal in Zahl, ND before settling permanently in Wibaux, MT. In 1940, Avis married Lester Zopfi. They were blessed with a baby boy, Gerald, in 1941. The bombing of Pearl Harbor engaged the United States in World War II that year. Avis returned to Williston to be with her parents while Lester service in the Marianna Islands. A daughter, Avis Gail, was born in Williston. A second daughter, Rita Ann, joined the family in 1953. Avis taught high school English to a large percentage of Wibaux County. She taught before she was married and later returned to her career, retiring in 1971. The Wibaux County Library claimed a large portion of

her retirement years. She spent afternoons for several years updating the library catalog system and reorganizing the library. Books and reading were her lifelong passion. She also enjoyed doing handwork, knitting and crocheting. Avis was civic minded and was a charter member of the Nursing Home Auxiliary to assist in raising funds for the Wibaux County Nursing Home. She attended the Wibaux Methodist Church. She was active in The Order of the Eastern Star and Past Matrons organizations. She was a faithful bridge player and enjoyed the Thursday evening bridge club for over 40 years. In 2005, Avis moved to an apartment in Highgate, an assisted living facility located in Bozeman, MT. Rita, her youngest daughter, and husband Daryl Kroon and grandsons Nicolas and Daniel were in Bozeman and kept her active along with the new friends and many social events at Highgate. Avis had a wonderful sense of humor, was respected by the community and loved by her family and friends. Avis was preceded in death by her husband, Lester in 1987 and her son, Gerald in 1991. Loving survivors include her two daughters and their spouses: Avis Gail (Donald) Davis of Longmont, CO and Rita Ann (Daryl) Kroon of Bozeman. She had four grandchildren: Stacy (Daniel) Collender of Longmont, CO; Ross (Julie) Davis of Annapolis, MD; and Nicolas and Daniel Kroon of Bozeman. She also had four great grandchildren: Sophia and Eliot Collender and Hannah and Patrick Davis. Avis had one surviving sister, Janet Scarff, of Bismarck, ND, and her family.

# Tribute Wall



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