



Bonita Duncan

December 9, 1932 - June 16, 2011

Wibaux, Montana: Bonita “Bonnie” B. Duncan, age 78, passed away on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the Sidney Health Center in Sidney, Montana. A Memorial service will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wibaux with Reverend J.T. Burk officiating, with Interment following at the Wibaux Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with arrangements. Bonnie was born on December 9, 1932 in Dickinson, North Dakota a daughter of Jacob and Fayette (Nichols) Johnson. She was raised near Dickinson in the Daglum community, and received her early education in rural schools in the Dickinson area. She graduated from Dickinson High School in the class of 1948 and went on to Dickinson State College for two years where she graduated in 1950 with a teaching degree. At 18 years of age, Bonnie accepted her first teaching job in Big Timber, Montana, this was a challenging position because her very first class had 43 students and no teaching aids. Later in life she cooked for 18 years at Wibaux County schools, where she especially loved to watch the children grow and followed their academic careers. Bonnie met the love of her life, Donald Duncan, in Big Timber and they were married on June 3, 1956 at the Daglum Lutheran Church in Daglum, North Dakota. The couple was blessed with two daughters, Twyla and Lori. Bonnie followed her husbands career moving several places across Montana, New Mexico, and Arizona. They finally settled in Wibaux in 1972. Bonnie was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, where she served in several capacities including,

Sunday School Superintendent, Teacher, Church Council and bible study member. Bonnie loved her sports, especially the Wibaux Long Horns and the Atlanta Braves. She followed all sports and followed her grandchildren in each of their sport's careers. At Bonnie's house the door was always open and the coffee pot was always on. There were no strangers, only friends and family. Bonnie was loved by all who knew her. Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; her parents; three brothers and two sisters. Survivors include her daughters, Twyla (Vic) Gustafson of Sidney and Lori (Bob) Vogeley of Fromberg, Montana; five grandchildren, Keith (Angela) Gustafson of Fairview, Montana, Pat (Stacey) Gustafson of Sidney, Dawn (Jason) Rehbein of Sidney, David (Erin) Gustafson of Sidney, and Jessi Vogeley of Bozeman , Montana; six great grandchildren, Jared and Alexis Gustafson, Casey Rehbein, Shay, Jaiden and Jaxson Gustafson; special friends, Marlene Bailey and family and numerous nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend a special thanks to the town of Wibaux for their kindness and to the Sidney Health Center staff for the wonderful care Bonnie received. Memorials may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wibaux. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com

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