



## Evelyn Waldal

December 26, 1911 - August 11, 2008

Evelyn Ruth Waldal, age 96, of Beach, North Dakota, died on Tuesday, August 5, 2008, at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive, Montana. She had been in deteriorating health for the past two-and-a-half years.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., Saturday, August 9, 2008, and 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., Sunday, August 10, 2008, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach. A Vigil will be held at 7:00 P.M., Sunday, August 10, 2008, at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M., Monday, August 11, 2008, at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church in Beach with Father David Richter officiating. Rite of Committal will follow in St. John's Cemetery in Beach. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is entrusted with arrangements.

Evelyn was born on December 26, 1911, in Webster, South Dakota, the daughter of Paul and Olga (Smedstad) Lardy. As a young child Evelyn moved with her parents to western North Dakota and lived in various places along the Northern Pacific Railroad as her father was a section foreman for the said company. The family eventually settled in Sentinel Butte, North Dakota, where Evelyn graduated from high school with the class of 1931.

Evelyn attended Dickinson Normal School and received her one-year rural

teaching certificate and taught in several rural schools in Golden Valley County, North Dakota, including Westerheim School, Nelson School, and Square Butte School. During this time she carried on a seven-year courtship with Bert Waldal. They married on June 8, 1937, in Sentinel Butte, and the couple settled down together in Sentinel Butte. Evelyn continued her college education and received her standard teaching certificate in 1949. She went on to teach in Golva, Sentinel Butte, and Medora where she retired in 1974 after 33 years in education.

In 1970, Evelyn and Bert moved their house to Beach where they enjoyed many happy years in retirement by entertaining friends and family around the kitchen table over coffee and baked goods or a Sunday chicken dinner. Evelyn raised a beautiful garden which included many flowering plants. Evelyn won the Sweepstakes award at the Golden Valley County Fair four years in a row for her efforts. During their retirement, Evelyn and Bert also enjoyed traveling to visit relatives including their son Darrell and his family in south Georgia and Don in Alaska.

Evelyn and Bert celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in June of 1987 with a big family reunion and a four-day celebration. Bert passed away in 1988, but Evelyn continued traveling usually spending her winters in south Georgia and her springs in Alaska.

Evelyn sold her house in Beach in the spring of 2005 with the intention of permanently moving to Georgia to live with her son and daughter-in-law, Darrell and Kathy. She wished to be near her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, but her loneliness for all of her good friends in Golden Valley County and the surrounding area caused her to move back to Beach in January of 2006 where she moved into the Golden Valley Manor. Evelyn moved to the Wibaux County Nursing Home in October of 2007 where she remained until her death.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bert; and one brother, Michael "Bud" Lardy.

Evelyn is survived by her two sons, Darrell (Kathy) Waldal of Americus, Georgia, and Don Waldal of Anchorage, Alaska; her two sisters, Thelma Waldal of Los Angeles, California, and Marian(Doug Taylor) Breitbach of Bloomington, Illinois; two grandchildren, Mary Kaye (Wayne) Jordan and Michael (Samye) Waldal; 5 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorials in Evelyn's name may be sent to the Wibaux County Nursing Home, 712 S Wibaux St, Wibaux, MT 59353, or a charity of choice.

Evelyn Waldal Tribute Video from Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home on Vimeo.

# Tribute Wall



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