



## Frances Mae Strange

March 16, 1922 - December 7, 2013

Frances Mae Strange, age 91, of Wibaux, Montana, died on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux. Memorial services will be held at a later date in Santa Barbara, California. Memorials may be made in her name to the Wibaux County Nursing Home. Frances Strange passed away on Dec.7 at the WCNH. Her daughter Marilyn Carlander and her son-in-law John were by her side. Frances Mae Finch was born on March 16, 1922 at Cogswell, N.D. She was the youngest of five children born to Eleanor and Frank Finch. They have all preceded her in death. Dec. 7, 1941, changed Frances' life as she and a girlfriend traveled to San Diego, CA. to work at Consolidated Aircraft to assist in the war effort during WWII. It was in San Diego that she met and married U.S. Marine W.W. Strange. Their daughter Marilyn Lee was born in 1944. After the war the family lived briefly in Iowa, then in Ellendale, N.D. where "Willie" attended college on the GI Bill. The same college Frances was enrolled in before the war broke out. She worked at the college to help support the family while Willie got his degree. Willie's first job offer was to teach at Wibaux County High School, which brought the family to live in Wibaux, Mt. Both Willie and Frances were hired by the school, Willie teaching and Frances managed the Study Hall. Later Frances worked at Marcus Drug Store. Frances was an active in the community, member of the Methodist Church, signing in the choir and directing the Children's Choir. She was a member of Eastern Star and the Garden Club. In 1966 Frances moved back to San Diego with her husband

who worked for the American Red Cross connected with the military. Willie proceeded Frances in death. Frances worked for a Rexall Drug until her husband went overseas for the Red Cross. In 1970 Frances moved back to Wibaux and went to work for the 1st National Bank of Wibaux until her retirement, Frances was known for her energetic love for life and interest in people, love for Wibaux, and a loving mother and grandmother. As her health began to make it impossible for her to live on her own, after spending time at Heritage Oaks in Glendive and Golden Valley Manor in Beach, N.D., she moved to the Wibaux County Nursing Home where she has received loving care from the amazing staff. Frances is survived by daughter, Marilyn and husband, John, her grandson Jay and wife, Sarah, her great granddaughters Julia (7), Katharine (4) and her grandson Lee and her great grandson Aidan (10), all reside in Santa Barbara, CA. She is fondly remembered as "Grandma Fran". Burial will be at the Wibaux Cemetery, near her dear friends Grace and Don Anderson, which is possible due to the generosity of Kevin Anderson. A Memorial Service will be held in Santa Barbara, CA. Memorial remembrance may be given to the Wibaux County Nursing Home. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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