



Ione Kenny

February 25, 2011

Richey, Montana: Ione Pearl Kenny, age 92, went to be with the Lord on Monday, February 14, 2011 at the Glendive Medical Center. Visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. Friday, February 25, 2011 at the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Richey. Funeral services will be Friday, February 25, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor Paul Sponheim and Roy Fatzinger officiating. Interment will be held in Richey Cemetery in Richey. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Richey has been entrusted with the arrangements. Ione was born in Tacoma Park, South Dakota, to Harry and Jessie (Goodman) Gilchrist, the oldest, and only daughter, of 4 children. After graduating from Aberdeen H.S., in South Dakota, she moved to Southern California. It was there she attended a revival and saw a man singing in the choir and she stated to her friend, "That's the man I'm going to marry!" It was the love of her life, Robert Kenny. She followed Bob to St. Paul Bible College, where he went to seminary and she attended classes. Married June 13, 1944, Ione and Bob lived in Nebraska, Canada, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, and Lambert, MT before settling in Richey. She faithfully served as a pastor's wife, teaching children's Sunday School, and raising 8 children. Ione loved to go camping with Bob and the children and she loved all things beautiful and dainty, especially her china tea cups. She happily filled them all day for those who stopped by for a cup of coffee and perhaps a prayer or kind word. Ever the optimist, it wasn't until after she broke her hip at age 71, that she was willing to give up her (many) pointed-toe high heels. Ione was so appreciative

of being able to own her home and she filled it with china and crystal, doilies and ceramics. She wanted to leave Christmas decorations up all year 'round, but usually settled with taking them down by Valentine's Day! She opened her home to all and after Bob died, she was looked out for by her dearest friends, "the coffee ladies." Ione was preceded in death by 3 brothers; her husband, Bob; her son, Dennis; and her daughter, Zanthia (Sandy) Knopp; and her granddaughter, Michelle (Missy) Thiessen. Ione is survived by 4 daughters, Sherry Jones of Langford, South Dakota; Judy Thiessen, of Lambert, Montana; Ranetta Fulton of Glendive; Cozette Hart of Altadena, California; two sons, Bruce of Richey and Mike of Billings, Montana; 14 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and 2 great, great grandchildren; and sons-in-law Kenny Jones, Jim Thiessen, Monte Fulton and Douglas Hart and daughter-in-law Della Kenny who loved her very much. In lieu of cards and flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the missionary fund of the Richey Christian & Missionary Alliance Church.

Tribute Wall



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