



Katie Mae Bergland

August 1, 1919 - June 23, 2004

The presence of God's loving hand led Katie Mae Bergland, age 84, to rest on Tuesday, June 22, 2004. Katie died at the Glendive Medical Center after struggling with several medical conditions being treated by a loving staff at the McCone County Nursing Home in Circle. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 P.M., Monday, June 28, 2004 at the First Lutheran Church in Circle with Pastor David Aaseng officiating. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery in Circle. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Katie Mae was born on August 1, 1919 in Circle, Montana, the daughter of Jay and MaryAnn (Eastrom) Elverud. She graduated from Circle High School, and married her high school sweetheart, Alden Bergland on September 12, 1942 in Tacoma, Washington during World War II. Katie Mae worked for Boeing Aircraft in Seattle for two years, and was known as "Rosie the Riveter", working on the wings of the B-17's. Katie Mae and Alden purchased Chapin Drug in Circle in 1946. They shared a life together operating a true, old-fashioned soda fountain, coffee shop, drug store and gift shop seven days a week, for 49 years before retiring. They always welcomed the Circle customers, and appreciated their support. The Billings Gazette featured pictures and an interview with the Bergland's at their 49 year establishment. The soda fountain is still operating today. Katie Mae and Alden shared a personally rich and rewarding life together for 62 years. Katie Mae was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Gladys Schillinger, and a brother, Edward Elverud. She is survived by her husband Alden Bergland, of

Circle; a son, Rocky Bergland and his wife Debbie of Portland, Oregon; her daughter, Sheryn Gackle and her husband Del of Brockway, Montana; two grandchildren, Robin Gackle and Darrell Gackle; numerous nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *Katie Mae Bergland*

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