



## Muriel Willoughby

June 3, 1922 - December 5, 2012

Glendive, Montana: Muriel Willoughby, age 90, passed away on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive. Muriel's wishes were to be cremated and a private family service will be held at a later date. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Muriel was born on June 3, 1922 in Poplar, Montana to Emil and Clara Shefelbine. She grew up on her mother's homestead south of Wolf Point where she went to a country school and helped raise her brothers and sisters after her mother died. Muriel was united in marriage to J.H. (PeeWee) Willoughby in August of 1940, at the Sidney Fair. They lived in Wolf Point until 1948 when they moved to Glendive. She started working for J.C. Penney's in 1949 and worked there until her retirement in 1982. Muriel loved Singles and dancing, playing cards, especially cribbage at the Senior Citizen's Center, and meeting and spending time with friends. She was a dedicated Attic volunteer for the Hospital Auxiliary as well as Tuesday Chairperson along with Mary Carter for the Attic after her retirement in 1982 from Penney's. She loved her "Tuesdays" and handling the Attic books for many years. She was Volunteer of the Year for RSVP in 2004. Muriel was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and Ladies of the Moose. Muriel especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Many fall seasons, she, her daughter and her grandsons went gathering and cutting wood on her family farm for their heating needs through the cold Montana winters. She was called "The Whip Cracker" by her

grandsons. Muriel also enjoyed feeding and watching the birds and squirrels that gathered in her yard. She was affectionately called “The Birds and Squirrels Grammie” by her great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband J.H. (PeeWee); her daughter, Winefred and an infant daughter; two brothers, Orville and Leslie Shefelbine; two sisters, Edna Giles and Elva Erickson and one grandson, Robert Stinnett. Survivors include her daughter, Marilyn Stinnett of Glendive; two grandsons, Sandon (Jackie) Stinnett of Glendive and Russell (Amber) Stinnett of Havre, Montana; five great-grandchildren, Brett and Tayler Stinnett, Myles, Abigail and Adison Stinnett; and her special nieces and nephews. Memorials may be sent to the Senior Citizen’s Center or the Boys and Girls Club in Muriel’s name. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com).

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