



Phylis Roth

April 8, 1929 - January 12, 2014

Phylis Irene Roth, age 84, of Glendive, Montana, passed away with her children by her side on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date in the Spring at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Belfield. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Phylis Irene Kessel was born on April 8, 1929, the first of sixteen children to Philip and Mildred Kessel (Polanchek) of Belfield, North Dakota. In 1947, she graduated from Belfield High School and was married to John Dean Roth. Phylis and Dean had nine children and were longtime residents of Belfield. She also resided in Mandan, North Dakota, Clearwater, Florida, Sheridan Wyoming, and most recently Glendive. She passed away on January 12, 2014, at the Glendive Medical Center with her children at her side. Phylis expressed her creativity through sketching, painting, and writing songs and poetry, which she presented at cowboy poetry readings. Phylis was a stylish dresser and could sew beautifully, making clothing for her family. She was an excellent cook and a gracious hostess. There was always an extra place at her table. Phylis enjoyed riding horses, dancing, gardening, and reading and singing to her children. She was an avid reader of literature, politics, and science, which informed her lively conversations. She loved animals and nature, inspiring in her children a passion for the outdoors through trips to the ND Badlands and area ranches. Phylis proved fearless confronting the numerous mishaps of her daredevil children, honing her first aid skills on them and pets alike. Phylis

earned a medical assistant certificate in Clearwater, Florida and an AA degree in Sheridan, Wyoming. She was active in Belfield civic life as a Cub Scout den mother, member of Belfield area garden and saddle clubs, a committee woman in the North Dakota Democratic party, and a member of the Dakota Resource Council. Phylis remained faithful to her Catholic upbringing and was a member of St. Bernard's Parish while a resident of Belfield. Travel in later years with her children included a cruise in the Caribbean and trips to Canada, Alaska, California, and New Mexico. In 2010, Phylis and her daughter, Dena Hoff, were guests of Michelle Obama at a Mother's Day tea in the White House. Phylis was preceded in death by her husband, Dean. She is survived by her nine children and their spouses: Dena (Alvin) Hoff, Sheila (Art) Fultz, Amy Myran, and Cale Roth of Glendive; Craig Roth, Richardton, North Dakota; Stephanie (Michael Dennis) Roth, Denver, Colorado; Kelley (Pam) Roth, Ketchikan AK; and John and Morey Roth of Belfield.. Phylis has fifteen grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Of her siblings, Phylis is preceded in death by three brothers and five sisters. Her surviving siblings are Leroy Kessel, Rapid City, South Dakota; Lawrence (Jeannie) Kessel, Fargo, North Dakota; Valarie (Dennis) Bergman, Cincinnati, Ohio; Allen (Jean) Kessel, Pecos, New Mexico; and Charlie (Leona) Kessel, Raymond (Cheryl) Kessel, and Tom Kessel of Belfield, North Dakota. Phylis' grace and beauty, her intelligence and wit, and her compassion for others will be greatly missed, but dearly remembered by those who loved her.

Tribute Wall



“ *Phylis Roth*

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