



Mary Lou (Dickerson) Merrick checked out of this world on January 5, 2008 in Bozeman, MT.

She was born in Butte, Nebraska on August 25, 1928 to Ray and Hazel, Williams, Dickerson. Her grandfather, William Dickerson was a Nebraska homesteader. She had a brother William and a sister Selma (both deceased). She graduated from Butte High School and then attended Hastings College and Wayne State Teachers College, where she was Homecoming Queen and from which she graduated with a B.A. in Elementary Education. She then taught

school in North Platte, Nebraska where she met and married her husband Bill in 1954. They were happily married 53 years.

Mary and Bill had three children, Sam, Sally and Scott. Her three granddaughters, Mandy Merrick, Abby Bolic and Chandler Merrick were a great source of joy for "Grandma Mary".

Beside Her husband, children and granddaughters Mary leaves behind her much loved son in law, Andy Bolic and daughter in law Holly Merrick.

She pursued interests in gardening, flowers and decorating as an accessory to raising her family. Cooking was another hobby and trying new recipes always presented her with a new challenge. She loved to read and enjoyed several book groups. She taught in the Lau Bach Literacy program, tutored English to foreign students, was a CAP volunteer in the Bozeman Schools and served on the Bozeman Public Library Committee for choosing and delivering books to shut ins. She was active in the Methodist Church as a circle member, Sunday school teacher, Sunday School Superintendent and various study groups and committees. She loved music and was a band member in High School and College and was a supporter of the Bozeman Symphony. She also served on the board of the Museum of the Rockies, and the Pilgrim Preschool board and the Bozeman Zoning Commission. She taught at Pilgrim Preschool for seven years and the Methodist Preschool for four years. The Red Cross Blood Drawing program benefited from her regular volunteer service. She was a long time member of Chapter AU, PEO and a past president.

Her other loves included traveling, view from her windows at Aspen Pointe, tennis, sailing, morning walks, Dachshunds and health club workouts.

A memorial service will be held Friday, January 11th at 1p.m. at Bozeman United Methodist Church.

Memorials - Bozeman Public Library, Bozeman Symphony or Museum of the Rockies.

