



Della Darleene Koeber, 91, passed away on Wednesday February 28, 2007 at the Gallatin Rest Home in Bozeman. She was born on June 14, 1915 in Windham, Montana to Alfred E. and Williamina (Murrison) Anderson.

Della's family moved from Windham to Trident and then eventually to Bozeman. She graduated from Gallatin County High School in 1935 and went to work for Western Union. Her work with Western Union took her to Pasco, Washington. She came back to Bozeman to work as a phone operator for the Mountain Bell Telephone System. She retired from Mountain Bell after twenty-six years.

After retiring from the phone company Della worked for several years as the switch board operator at Culbertson-Mullin Hall at Montana State University. She attended summer school for the blind at MSU for two years before she lost her sight.

Della enjoyed handcrafts, traveling, camping and spending time with her family.

She was a member of Grand Avenue Christian Church and in her later years was a member of the Montana Association for the Blind, serving as president of the Bozeman Chapter in 1995. She was also a life member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and the Montana Retired Police Officers Assoc.

Della married Carl M. Koeber in Bozeman on September 21, 1941. He preceded her in death March 13, 1969. She was also preceded in death by her parents and sisters and brothers, Frances, Wallace, Arthur, Donald, Curtis, Kenneth, Raymond and Lois.

Della is survived by her son, Carl Koeber, Jr. of Belgrade; daughter, Janet Koeber (Larry Zeutschel) of Bozeman and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bozeman Association for the Blind, c/o Bernice DeHaas, 2400 Durston Road #50, Bozeman, MT 59718; to Liberty Place, PO Box 446, Whitehall, MT 59759; or to a charity of choice.