



Betty J. Freeland passed away March 19, 2010, from complications of lung cancer. Betty was born September 10, 1926 in Casper, Wyoming to Frank and Mildred Hallstead.

Betty moved to Bozeman with her family when she was three years old. She attended elementary school at Elk Grove and graduated from Gallatin Valley High School.

On December 9, 1945 Betty married Robert Hash. They had two children, Ron and Donna.

Years later Betty met Milton Freeland at a country dance. They were married February 7, 1964.

They danced together for the next 45 years. Milton brought three children into the family; Vicky, Shad and Darrell. While Betty was busy raising five kids she also worked at the Veterinary Research Lab at M.S.U. She worked there until she retired.

Betty's family and many friends will miss her. She liked to garden, canning lots of produce every year to feed the family. She also loved to go fishing and camping with the family. Betty also had a great love of animals. She was never without a pet for long. She took in strays, kids or animals, it didn't matter. She loved to dance and did so beautifully.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Mildred; her husband, Milton; son, Ron; sister, Elaine and her brother, Clifford.

She is survived by her daughters, Donna (Steve) Luther of Billings; Vickie Freeland of Bozeman and Shad Barney of Bozeman; and son, Darrell (Renee) Freeland of Bozeman. She is also survived by sister, Carol Francis of Big River, Arizona and brother, Jack Alexander of Kentucky; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews, and her beloved dog, Mugs.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 11390, Bozeman, MT 59719.