



## Betty Faith England Brenna born Oct. 31, 1924

Betty, mom, grandma, passed away peacefully surrounded by her children and grandchildren March 24, 2007. She was a woman who gave the gift of laughter to her entire family. She had a kind word and an insightful piece of advice for those who asked. A constant searcher for the perfect set of beads to wear.

Born and raised in England, she was the daughter of James and Mary England of Newent, Gloucester.

Betty, the youngest of 9 children always spoke of being the favorite. She shared many memories with her grandchildren and loved to tell stories of her childhood escapades with her 8 brothers and sisters as well as tending to those during 'the war' needing a helping hand.

Her youth was spent in England where she attended school and ultimately attended college. Her stylish eye led to one of her favorite first jobs, where she was a proud window designer for the famous Bon Marche. Shortly after she met her love,

John Brenna during World War II. The two of them spent time in Germany, Washington DC and ultimately settled in eastern Montana. During this time her two daughters were born which she gracefully raised.

In the seventies Betty moved to Bozeman where she spent the later years of her career working at Hannon Hall at MSU. The dorms brought many smiles to her face; the students knowing her by name and seeing her every day became her second family, loving all of her "kids."

She spent her retirement with family enjoying her position as the family matriarch and, again, the 'favorite.' Always leaving the door open, literally, her family was welcomed for a spot of tea, cucumber sandwich, slice of cheese or favorite hidden snack. She was a collector of teapots and umbrellas, a 30 year survivor of breast cancer, and an avid watcher of the BBC's humorous soaps. Mom was a perfectionist who had achieved the ultimate melon ball for a summer snack, and a woman who loved to iron everything.

Betty was an elegant little "British lady" who will be dearly missed. Her final days were spent at the Spring Meadows Retirement Community, which she loved and was loved by all.

Betty is survived by her daughters, Polly Zindler & Sue Leigland (Robert); grandchildren, Becky Sturm (Gary), Tiffani Leigland, Cody Zindler (Neill), Ry Zindler; Great Grand Child Larry Rak Jr.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Bozeman Deaconess Hospital Cancer Center, c/o Bozeman Deaconess Foundation, 931 Highland Blvd. Suite 3200, Bozeman, MT 59715