



Ethel Irene Thies, 87, of Bozeman passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Tues., April 20, 2010. She was born on Nov. 23, 1922, in Burke County, North Dakota, to Hans and Rachel (Williams) Hanson. She grew up on the family farm, received her education, and then worked out of the family home from the time she was twelve. On Sept. 17, 1940, she married John William Thies in Burke County, ND, and together they raised four daughters. Ethel and Johnnie lived in North Dakota for

twenty-one years before moving to Bozeman in 1961. Ethel was a homemaker and helped Johnnie farm and operate several businesses in North Dakota and Montana.

She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, an avid bowler, and a volunteer at the Bozeman Senior Center. She enjoyed entertaining family and friends with lots of food and would bake for every holiday.

Ethel will be remembered by family and friends for her sharp wit, sense of humor, and famous caramel rolls.

She is survived by her daughters, Bev (Dwight) McCarty of Casa Grande, AZ, Janelle (Dana Zikas) Tillett of Lynnwood, WA, Pam (Bob) Carlson of Missoula, MT, and Shelly (Mike) Schlenker of Ennis, MT; sister, Lorraine Liebl of Stanley, ND; grandchildren, Kevin Anderson, Kresta House, Lori (Pete) Kerr, Heith Carlson, Bret (Sarra) Carlson; step-grandchildren, LeRoy (Stacie) McCarty, Beth Steen, Robbie Schlenker, and Cassie Schlenker; six great-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

Ethel was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Johnnie, in 1972, and seven brothers and sisters, Harvey Hanson, Ella Nelson, Harry Hanson, Art Hanson, Florence Chrest, Ruby Olson, and Wally Hanson.