



**R**ita Elizabeth Gessner, 84, of Bozeman, passed away May 9, 2010. She was born October 4, 1925 in Belgium, Wisconsin.

She married Robert Gessner on June 17, 1950 in Random Lake, Wisconsin. They moved to Bozeman in 1970.

Rita was a kind soul and loving person. She enjoyed meeting people. Her interests included hunting, fishing, and shooting trap with her husband, Bob. She also enjoyed sewing, knitting, gardening and playing bridge.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2004; and by her brother, Raphael Demler.

She is survived by her children, John (Kathy) Gessner, Karen Howells, and Ronald (Mary Ann) Gessner; grandchildren, Jackie Jones, Jared Jones, Alta Howells; and great-grandchild, Sahara, all of Bozeman.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 12, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church.