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inona Norton Irey passed away on May 8, 2008 at Mountain View Care Center. Winona was born September 4, 1921 on a homestead near Roberts Montana to E.V. Norton and Inez Ramsay Norton.

Winona attended several schools in the Gallatin Valley including Gallatin County High School.

She married Vance Irey in Helena in 1939; they were married for 56 years.

Winona and Vance enjoyed ranch life together for 30 years. She had great stories to tell about their lives on the Green Ranch in the upper Madison Valley with snowy winter months and no trips into town for supplies or socializing. She loved fishing and knew all the great fishing holes in the area rivers. After her children were raised she cooked for the MSU food service where she made many lasting friendships.

Winona was a faithful member of the Manhattan Bible Church and led a women's Bible Study for twenty years. She was also a loyal fan of Manhattan Tiger basketball. She and her dear friend Winnie never missed a home basketball game and waited anxiously for that first game every September.

Winona is survived by four children: Duane (sally) Irey of Three Forks, Sharon (Dick) Amerman of Trout Creek, Joyce (Jim) McUaig of Trout Creek and Jim of Western Montana.

Also, surviving are nine grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.