



Evalene Marie Jensen-Kellie, 84, of Belgrade, passed away Saturday, May 8, 2010 at Elsie's Assisted Living in Belgrade. She was born September 13, 1925 in Yakima, Washington to Henry and Lydia (TeSelle) Jongeward.

Evalene graduated from Gallatin County High School in 1943, and attended Bible College in Portland Oregon. She worked for the Bell Telephone Company as a switchboard operator. She also worked for Chamber-Fishers Co., MacDonald's Department Store, and later for Hart-Albin.

She married Chet Jensen on October 24, 1947. He passed away in July of 1984. She married Francis Kellie on June 15, 1991 in Bozeman.

She was a member of Grace Bible Church, and the Belgrade Community Church where she was active in the Women's Circle. She was also a member of the Gleaner's Women's Club, and the Fort Ellis Women's Club. brothers-in-law, George and Mel Jensen.

Evalene was an excellent cook and always had homemade meals for the farm crews. She enjoyed gardening and was proud of her rose gardens. She loved traveling and camping; and was always ready for a board game with her kids and grandkids.

She moved to Elsie's Assisted Living in Belgrade in December of 2009, due to Alzheimer's and recurring cancer.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Keith; granddaughter, Heather; great-granddaughter, Ashlynn; and step-granddaughter, Candace.

Evalene is survived by her husband, Francis; children, Debbie (Ed) Schultz and Dean (Debbie) Jensen; step-children, Joyce (Gary) Thompson, Mike (Oleta) Kellie, and Floyd (Debbie) Kellie; sister, Marcia (Chuck) Hendron; brothers, Wally and David Jongeward; brothers-in-law, George and Mel Jensen. Also surviving are grandchildren, Kari West, Julie and Brian Schultz, Niki and Meghan Jensen; and great-grandchildren, Mykayla, Miranda, Lily, Sydney, Devon, Haley, Tysen, and Lindzy.

Thanks to the staff of Hospice of Southwest Montana and Elsie's Assisted Living for all the extra care and loving support of Evalene.

