



Deanna N. Simpkins, long time resident of West Yellowstone, lost her courageous battle with cancer on the morning of May 5, 2010. Deanna was greeted in heaven by her parents, loving spouse and son.

Deanna was born January 27, 1938 and was raised in Seattle, Wash. She enjoyed rollerskating, gardening and travelling. Her passions were her beloved family, food and antiques. Deanna worked as a waitress throughout Washington state and eventually opened her own restaurant with her spouse in Napavine and Skamokawa. Deanna and Bill moved to Stevensville, Mont. to open the Stagecoach Inn in 1991, then retired to West Yellowstone in 1994 where she worked at the Running Bear Pancake House and then Eino's Tavern.

Deanna is survived by her sons James Simpkins of West Yellowstone, Chuck (Julie) Goodwin of Yamhill, Oreg., Eric Lysene and daughter Evon (Rich) Kolar of Lewistown, Mont; grandchildren Rita and Laura Dukes, Nick Goodwin and Joe Sneed; six great-grandchildren, two nephews and a great niece.

Deanna was preceded in death by her parents John and Anna Russeff, husband William, son Derrome Goodwin and brother Johnnie Russeff.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday May 8, at Fir Ridge Cemetery in West Yellowstone.

Deanna requested donations be made to Erik's Ranch in lieu of flowers. Donations may be sent to Erik's Ranch, 1627 W. Main St. #340, Bozeman, MT 59715 or www.eriksranch.org.