



Florence Evelyn Loughnane, 90, of Belgrade, passed away Saturday, June 20, 2009 of natural causes at Evergreen Health and Rehabilitation Center in Bozeman. She was born November 19, 1918 in Absarokee, Montana to Edgar H. and Lola P. (Rash) Thompson.

She started school at the Kent Lake School located between Reed Point and Absarokee, and then attended school in Manhattan when her family moved to Central Park, Montana.

Florence worked for Roy Cole on his farm near Belgrade as a cook and housekeeper. It was during this time that she met John W. Loughnane and they were married on April 15, 1942 near Belgrade.

The couple purchased their first home in Belgrade in 1946, following WWII.

Florence was active in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Belgrade, and with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. She enjoyed sewing, gardening and entering her baked goods in the county fair. She was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; son, William G. Loughnane; infant son, Ron; grandson, David Loughnane; one brother and six sisters.

Florence is survived by her son, John Loughnane of Belgrade; daughter, Kathleen Frandsen of Helena; adopted daughter, Sandy Ulmen of Great Falls; grandsons, Shannon (Xandrea) Fransen and Justin Ulmen; and seven great-grandchildren.