

## Rosa Amelia (Bachman) McHenry

(May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1923 – June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008)



One of Bozeman's, longest serving Avon ladies, Rosa McHenry (85) went peacefully to join God in heaven on the afternoon of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Rosa was born in Elgin, North Dakota, the twelfth child of seventeen born to Regina (Hochhalter) Bachman and Gottlieb Bachman, Jr. She spent the majority of her childhood on a ranch on the Heart River and attended a country school near Almont, North Dakota. When she was seventeen, Rosa moved to Idaho and lived with one of her older sisters.

Rosa quickly found a job at the Farragut Navy Base where she worked as a salad maker and pastry chef. After the Second World War ended, Rosa met her future husband, Frank McHenry who had just returned from serving in the Philippines and Japan. A year later in 1948, they married in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and moved to Bozeman, Montana.

Within a few years, they became the parents of two daughters, Vicki and Sandra. They lived in various places in and around Bozeman until buying their home on East Aspen in 1953. During Rosa's career, she worked as a waitress, house cleaner, sales person and an Avon Representative. Rosa was a top sales lady and frequently won awards and prizes during her thirty years selling Avon. She became so attached to her customers that she often took them her homemade jams, jellies and pickles made from the produce in her extensive garden.

Rosa has been preceded in death by her husband of forty-eight years, Frank McHenry in 1997; her parents – Regina and Gottlieb; her sisters – Matilda, Marie, Lydia, Ida, Ester, Elsie, Irene, Elaine and her brothers – August, Otto, Paul, Leonard, Fredrick and Harry.

Rosa is survived by her daughters and their families: Vicki McHenry Bredin (Primary Teacher and University Lecturer), Robert Bredin, Kristian McHenry Bredin (granddaughter) and Taylor McHenry Bredin (grandson) of Quakers Hill, Australia and Sandra Jean McHenry (Creative Director) and Michael Connell of San Francisco, California. Rosa is also survived by two sisters: Ruth Sundler of Coeur d'Alene, ID and Martha Hegel of Polson, MT; brother and sister in-laws Jim and Jean McHenry of Hoodspport, WA and Sharon McHenry of Roundup, MT. Rosa has dozens of surviving nieces and nephews including Don, Pat, Ralph and Norman McHenry all of Bozeman.

Rosa's family would like thank several special people in Rosa's life for the joy they created in her and all the assistance they gave so willingly. These include Dean and Linda Ridgway, Kathy Byler, Marsha Robbins, Pastor Gary and Donna Morse, Dr. Larry Sonnenberg and the Staff of the Gallatin County Rest Home.

Please join her family in a **Celebration of Rosa McHenry's Life** at Dokken Nelson Funeral Chapel 1:00 pm. Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, followed by her burial at Sunset Hills Cemetery and at her wake at the Bozeman Senior Citizens Center from 3:00 p.m.

Donations in her honor may be made to the Bozeman Senior Citizens Center.