

Doris Joan (Brunner) Salsbury, 87, of Bozeman passed away June 17, 2009. She was born November 25, 1921 in Colwell, Iowa, the daughter of Frank and Mary (Sanders) Brunner. She had one brother, Theodore Frank Brunner, and two sisters, Jewell Marie Freeburg, and Bonnie May Gorder (deceased).

Throughout her entire life, she was involved in music, especially the piano. She started with piano lessons at the age of four, and went on to study it through college at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. She was a church organist and piano teacher for many years, and left a musical legacy behind through her students, and through her role as a founding member of the Des Moines Metro Opera and a benefactor of the Music Department at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa.

In 1942, she married John G. Salsbury and moved to Charles City, Iowa where he was involved with his father's business, Salsbury Laboratories, and where she involved herself with being a mother of five children: Douglas Edward Salsbury, Craig Brunner Salsbury, Debra Elizabeth Feintech, Barbara Jane LeDuc, and Rebecca Ann Miller.

She and John were happily married for sixty-six years until his death in July 2008. They lived in Charles City until he retired, and then relocated to Scottsdale, Arizona where they became avid miniaturists. One of life's greatest adventures began with their move to Bozeman, Montana, where she enjoyed time at Tomahawk Ranch with Doug and his two lovely daughters, Sarah May and Emily Elizabeth. One of the greatest joys of Doris' life was little girls, and she was so happy to have her granddaughters and other friends join her for tea parties, baking lessons, and the tales of Beatrix Potter.

Doris is survived by her son, Doug, and granddaughters, Sarah and Emily, of Whitehall, Montana; son, Craig of Fairbanks, Alaska; daughters, Debra Feintech, Rebecca Miller, and Barbara LeDuc and her two daughters, Rachael Ann and Katie Rose; and sister, Jewell (Rusty) Freeburg of Bozeman, Montana. Doris' spirit of generosity and friendship will live on through the countless friends she embraced as her own.