



Margaret D. Walton passed away at her home on June 12, 2009 after a long and active life. “Gram” as she was fondly called by almost everyone was born on June 21, 1916 to Leroy and Margaret (Ostegen) Devore.

She spent her childhood years in Darby Montana and graduated from Anaconda High in 1933. Gram attended Montana State College in the fall of 1933 and became a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She was active in Alpha Gamma Delta for many years.

Gram married William Walton on July 14, 1940 in Missoula, Montana. They had two children, Mary Lee James (Rodney) of Whitehall, and William A. Walton (Kristy) of Three Forks. She has four grandchildren; Mike James, (Kathy) of Helena; Juli Mattfeldt, (Jay) of Helena; Jay James, (Sarah) of Miles City, and Jason Walton, (Erin) of Milwaukee; and eight great grandchildren Courtney and Alexandra James, Emily Armstrong, Kyli and Sydney Mattfeldt, Eric James, and Ione Ellory Walton. Gram had a sister, Carol Senkel, (Robert). Carol’s children, Margaret Otto (Adrian), and Robert Senkel were very special to Gram as well.

Gram never got old. The saying “You are only as old as you feel” applied to Gram, she never felt old and greeted each day with enthusiasm. She was always up for an adventure, and ready to go. She was intelligent, up-to-date, and had a great sense of humor; as a result she was comfortable with everyone, from the very young to her peers, and they in turn truly enjoyed her company. Everyone, kids, college students, and relatives, knew they had a friend they could count on, and all will miss her.

Gram was a sports fan at heart. She loved to watch the Yankees, the Bozeman Hawks, the Bozeman Bucks, and the Bozeman Stealers. For Gram, there was nothing better than an afternoon spent watching a baseball or softball game. She enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren participate in baseball, basketball, bowling, tennis, softball, tae kwon do, wrestling, and football.

Gram was active in many organizations throughout her life. Some of these organizations included: Camp Fire Girls, Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, Order of the Eastern Star, and Daughters of the Nile. Gram also volunteered her time at the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital for many years.

Gram was preceded in death by her husband, William Walton, in 1977.

Memorials can be sent to the Bozeman Deaconess Hospice at 915 Highland Blvd Bozeman, MT 59715 or to the Bozeman Bucks Baseball at P.O. Box 6054, Bozeman, MT 59771.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, July 10, at Bozeman First Presbyterian Church, at 11:00 A.M.