



Mary Jane "Janie" Ward, 59, passed away on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital following a battle with cancer. She was born on February 8, 1949 in Livingston, Montana to John P. and Viola (Wagner) Schiltz.

She grew up and attended schools in Gray Cliff and in Big Timber graduating from Big Timber High School in 1967.

Janie attended Mr. Mack's Beauty College and worked as a beautician for several years at Marie's Beauty Shop in Bozeman. Janie married Gary Ward in St. Anthony, Idaho on June 21, 1969. The couple made their home in Gallatin Gateway.

She then went to work with Gary and her son on the family ranch, Ward's Flying W Angus Ranch. They ranched for several years in Grass Range before moving back to Gallatin Gateway in the early 80's. She continued to work side by side with Gary on the ranch until her health began to fail.

Janie belonged to the Mad Gals and the Montana Angus Auxillary. She also enjoyed spending her time riding horses and hunting gophers.

She is survived by her husband, Gary of Gallatin Gateway; son, Buck (Dee) Ward of Highwood, MT and sister, Vic Schiltz of Big Timber. Her parents preceded her in death.