



Cleo Marie (Moore) Burton, 92, passed away Friday Morning, July 16, 2010 of natural causes. Cleo was born at Wilsall, Montana September 22, 1917 to Raymond and Sadie (Watson) Kannegaard. When she was 18 months old, her mother passed away during the flu epidemic and she was raised by her maternal grandmother, Mary Watson and her Uncle Bill Watson. They lived at the Fort while she was growing up as Bill managed the Fort Ellis Research Center farm. Both her maternal and paternal grandfathers immigrated to West End, Montana to work on the railroad between Livingston and Bozeman before homesteading in the Sedan area. Cleo is a rare Montana native having both of her parents born in Gallatin County. She attended the elementary school at Fort Ellis and graduated from Gallatin County High School.

She married Delmer Moore in 1938 and they spent 40 years farming north of Belgrade in the Pass Creek/Menard area where they were active in many community and Belgrade activities. After Delmer's death she married Don Burton and they spent several years traveling, fishing, bowling and enjoying many activities before his death.

Cleo was an avid bowler and an ace bridge player. In fact, she was playing bridge two weeks before her death. She was a 50 year member and Past Worthy Matron of Belgrade Chapter No. 85 Order of the Eastern Star. She had served as Guardian of Jobs Daughters #6 in Belgrade and was a member of the Sapphire Chapter Daughters of the Nile.

She is survived by her son, Jim (Aline) Moore of Stanford, MT; daughter, Mary Dell (Lee) Hietala of Bozeman; grandchildren, Kari (Tom) Powers of Green Acres, WA, Dana (Jason) Kirschten of Lynnwood, WA and Brad (Sheri) Moore of Richey, MT; a half-sister, Jane (Ed Wilson) of Wilsall, MT; and five great grandchildren. In addition to her two husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents, one granddaughter and two half-sisters.

Memorials may be sent to the Gallatin County Pioneer Museum, the Belgrade Public Library (where she volunteered her services for many years), the Rocky Mountain Hospice or any of your choice.