



Carol Fern (Pfohl) Johnson, 82, passed away July 13, 2010. She was born May 4, 1928 at the family home in Emigrant, Montana, to Arthur and Marguerette (Hoppe) Pfohl.

Carol lived with her family in Emigrant until age seven, where her father owned a blacksmith shop. She loved traveling all over the state with her father as he did custom sheep shearing. They later moved to Carbella where Carol spent her youth attending school and working on their ranch.

Carol met Earl Johnson, from Jardine, shortly after WWII, and they were married on September 27, 1946 in Bozeman, Montana. They began their married life in Jardine and Gardiner. They later moved to Billings where Earl was a mechanic. They both loved ranching so they leased a place in Worden, later moving home to the Paradise Valley in Montana. They leased several ranches at Pray, Big Creek, and Rock Creek at the foot of Tom Miner Basin, living in a home built by Carol's grandparents. In 1967, they fulfilled their lifelong dream and bought their own ranch in Roundup, Montana.

Carol was of the generation that knew hard times and how to make things work with nothing. While raising four children, she would ride, ranch, farm and mechanic. She was an extraordinary cook and seamstress. She crocheted ribbon-winning afghans, played the guitar and piano, and had many more talents too numerous to mention.

She was preceded in death by Earl, her husband of 60 years; her parents; brothers Albert Hugo and Leo Arthur; and sister, Martha Christina. Also preceding her in death were two grandsons, John Ryder and Brent Ryder; and great-grandson, Frederick Jimenez.

Carol is survived by four children: Margaret (Jerry) Ryder, of Gallatin Gateway, MT; Gail (Don) Danielson, of Walla Walla, WA; Robin (Scott) Eastlick, of Billings, MT; and Vernon (Karen) Johnson, of Roundup, MT. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210