



**E**lisabeth Ann  
"Bette" (Schoellkopf)

McCormick, 85, of Livingston passed away on Friday, August 7, 2009. She was born on October 10, 1923, the eldest child of William and Elisabeth (Peabody) Schoellkopf in Buffalo, New York. Bette attended the Franklin School, the Out-of-Door School (for asthmatics) in Sarasota, FL and schools in Deerfield, MA and East Aurora, NY. She spent summers at a camp in Denmark, ME. Her first glimpse of Montana came in 1942 when she, her parents, and her brother, William, spent the summer at Harry and Bob

Hart's Dot S Dot Ranch near Melville, MT. They returned annually, and in 1943, Bette met rancher Jerry T. McCormick while attending a dance in Melville. They were married June 1, 1944, in Livingston, MT. In 1947, they purchased a ranch in Big Timber, MT where they raised cattle and sheep. Bette gave birth to Jerry Schoellkopf McCormick on May 28, 1948. In 1956, they sold their ranch and moved to Park County and settled in Livingston, MT. Bette retired after working 15 years as a cook at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Bette is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jerry T. McCormick; her son, Jerry Schoellkopf McCormick; and her sister, Sally Snare. Bette is survived by her two grandsons, Justin D. McCormick of Salinas, CA and Trevor W. (Courtney) McCormick of Livingston, MT and a brother, William Schoellkopf. Her great-grandchildren are Lyle W. McCormick and Jorja M. McCormick. She has numerous nieces and nephews.

Bette loved to read biographies, and was active in researching the genealogy of her family. Memorials can be made to Hospice of Montana.