



Our loving mother and wife, Betty Marie Collins Parks, 78 years old, made a peaceful journey to Heaven on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 and is in the arms of our Lord. Mom was born in Bozeman, MT on October 20, 1929 to John and Ivone Johnson, she was one of 13 children. She spent her growing up years in Bozeman, often tagging along with her Dad

while he worked at Sunset Hills Cemetery. Mom enjoyed ice skating, sledding and any other outdoor activities as a child. Mom married our father, Boyd F. Collins on June 20, 1946 and from that union were born three children; Robert E. Collins, Linda Diane Collins Wright, and Camella M. Collins Van Antwerp. Boyd and Betty lived in Manhattan where they raised their family. Boyd passed away in 1980 at which time Betty moved to Bremerton, Washington. Mom enjoyed working at Gold Mountain Golf Resort where she met many close friends. On August 5, 1988 she married Joe Parks in Bremerton, Washington. They lived there until moving to Belfair, Washington then to Manhattan, Montana in 1999 to be near her daughter. Mom's greatest joy in life were her children and grandchildren and having her family gathered together. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, doll making, ceramics, and knitting. Mom loved her God, her husband, her children and grandchildren all of whom will sadly and greatly miss her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, eleven of her siblings, our father Boyd Collins, and Son Robert (Bob) Collins whom she deeply missed.

She is survived by her husband Joe of Manhattan, Daughters Linda Diane (James) Wright of Victoria, Virginia and Cammy (Mark) Van Antwerp of Manhattan. Four grandchildren, Shawn (Jenni) Collins of Missoula, MT., Jory and Brandon Van Antwerp of Bend, OR., and Shawna (Mark) Longie of Manhattan. Eight Great Grandchildren, Alexis Hoffman, Hunter, Cassidy and Brady Collins, Dominic, Alyssa and Madison Van Antwerp and Makayla Longie. Three Step children, Wayne Parks of Washington, Ray Parks of Texas and Nancy Lyon of Colorado. Two sisters, Lannis Hodge (Chuck) of Manhattan and Beth Dorsey of Alaska. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Family and Relatives will gather to say a final "Good-bye" at the Meadow View Cemetery in Manhattan on Monday, August 25th, 2:00 p.m. We love you mom and are so saddened, but we rejoice in knowing you have found your mansion in the sky.

Many of life's loveliest things are quite plentiful in number ...like the stars that shine, fields of wildflowers and brilliant sunsets. But there's just ONE of the most beautiful gifts of all And she's called Mother.