



Claire M. Schain Rexroat, 88, passed away of Alzheimer's at her home in Bozeman on October 23, 2007. She was born December 19, 1918 in New York City, New York, a daughter of Max and Lillian (Turtleaub) Schain.

Claire was raised in South Ozone Park, Long Island, New York where she attended school. After her father's death in 1934, Claire, her sister, Rita, and mother traveled to various states in the U.S. for several years before settling down in Montana.

Claire married Edgar David Rexroat on May 14, 1938 in Bozeman. She worked part-time as a clerk for the Milwaukee Railroad at Three Forks. More recently, she and Edgar owned and operated a Rental Business from 1945 to 1984 in Three Forks, Bozeman, Belgrade, and Big Sky.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Bozeman, Order of Eastern Star where she served as Worthy Matron in Three Forks. Recently, Claire was a member of the Lily of the Valley Chapter O.E.S #4 of Bozeman and a member of Acacia White Shrine #7, Bozeman. She was also a 50-year plus member of Rebekah Lodge #74 in Three Forks, a member of Daughters of the Nile Tirzah Temple #3, and the Gallatin Good Sam R.V. Cub. For many years, Claire enjoyed doing a variety of crafts and knitting.

Claire was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Irving; a sister, Rita May; sister-in-law, Dorotha; and daughter-in-law, Shirley.

Survivors include her husband, Edgar, of Bozeman; son, David, of Davis, CA and three granddaughters and husbands, Valerie and Jim Rennie, Michelle and Jon Huffine, great-granddaughters, Shanda, and Aleasha, great-grandson Jonathan, and great-great-granddaughter, Alexia; granddaughter Stacy Wright, great-grandson Tyler and great-granddaughter, Madison; and by son, Roger (Linda) Rexroat of New Underwood, SD and grandson, Robbin, of Bozeman. She is also survived by three nephews and families living in California, Utah, Wyoming and Washington.

Private graveside services for the cremated remains will be Saturday, October 27, 2007 at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Bozeman. Cremation has taken place at the Dokken-Nelson Bozeman-Belgrade Crematory. Memorials may be made to Shriner Children's Hospital Transportation Fund, c/o Arthur Morrow, P.O. Box 803, Bozeman, MT 59771-0802, or to a charity of choice.