



Lifelong Gallatin County resident, April Maggard, fell asleep in the Lord, surrounded by her family and friends on October 22, 2008. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. She was born on the Bozeman Hill on May 20, 1941 to Irvin and Darlene Kershner. She grew up on the family ranch and attended Malmborg School through eighth grade. She then attended Bozeman High while living in town with family friends, graduating in 1959.

April married Steven R. Maggard of Bozeman on February 27, 1960 at the First Methodist Church. In 1968 they moved to a small parcel of land on Linney Road, southwest of Belgrade. During these 40 years they raised their three sons and later three grandchildren, milked a few cows, raised generations of sheep, grew vegetables and beautiful flowers, and enjoyed the company of many, many friends and relatives.

April was a steadfast Christian and long time member of Christian Center and River Valley Christian Fellowship. For many years she visited local prisoners with Prison Fellowship and led several Bible studies. Hundreds of people have been impacted in their lives due to April's love, care and teaching of the Christian faith.

Reading and sharing books, growing and painting flowers, watching and naming birds and talking with friends have been some of her favorite pastimes. She was blessed to have her grandchildren living around her, and she provided them with a typical Grandma's house, full of love, free food, and movies.

She is survived by her husband, Steve, sons, Greg (Jane), Neill (Kathy) and Dan (Tamara) all of Belgrade; grandchildren, Steven, Joanne and Veronica; Warden, Mariah, Lauren, Ruby, Dara, Solana; Jamie, Jared, Ryan, Shelby; Sierra; one great-grandson, Bridger; sister-in-law Maryann Kershner of Maine, nieces Serell (Grubs), Danae, Edie, and Junnan Kershner; nephews, Dean and Caleb Kershner. April was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Rachele, her parents, and brother, Kent Kershner.