



Esther Caroline Groepper, 85, passed away, on, November 25, at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, surrounded by her family.

Esther was born in Avoca, Iowa on November 19, 1923 to Herman and Ida Holtz. She attended Avoca High School and went on to America Institute of Business College in Des Moines Iowa.

When World War II ended she married Bill Groepper on August 21, 1945 in Quincy, Massachusetts. Bill and Esther moved to Bozeman in January of 1948 and Esther worked for Durand's Jewelry and Taylor Construction for over 30 years during her marriage to Bill.

She was truly a beautiful lady in every sense of the word and will be deeply missed.

She is survived by Bill, her husband of 63 years, and her three children and their spouses: Gregg and Julie Groepper of McAllen, Texas, Jay and Cindy Groepper of Spokane, Washington and Debbie (Groepper) and Brad Blome of Heath, Texas; her four grand children and their spouses: Ryan and Sue; Samantha; Jason and Kate; and Megan and Mike, along with her four great grandsons: Jackson, Keaton, Jesse and Lucas.

Esther was active at the Bozeman Senior Citizens' Center and enjoyed playing bingo (especially winning) and cards in addition to quilting, tatting, crocheting and going to lunch with her dear close friends, Norma Ardeson, Lois Milligan, Judy Honadel, and Lorna McCormick. She was an excellent cook, and won many ribbons at the Montana Winter Fair. Additionally she, her husband Bill, and their dear friends enjoyed many fried chicken meals that Bill prepared, as well as taking driving adventures through Yellowstone Park and the rural areas of Montana.

At Esther's request no services are planned. The family suggests in lieu of flowers that memorials or donations be directed to the Bozeman Senior Citizens' Center, the Gallatin County Historical Society, or the Museum of the Rockies.