



Della Ruth Mills, 84, of Bozeman passed away November, 11, 2008.

Della was born July 17, 1924, at Dallas, Oregon, to Lert Lee and Lelow Elsie (Conlee) Miller. She attended elementary and high schools at Perrydale, Dallas, and Garibaldi, Oregon, graduating from Perrydale High School in June 1941. She attended Capital Business College in Salem, Oregon.

Della married Ira Kelly Mills at Port Townsend, Washington in April 1943. She worked as a stenographer for the Commanding General of the Harbor Defenses of Puget Sound at Fort Worden, Washington during World War II.

She held various secretarial positions in California and Oregon before moving to Bozeman in 1956. She attended MSU from 1957-1959, and spent one year in Taichung, Taiwan where her husband taught at Chung Hsing University. She also helped several groups of students there with the English language.

She enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapshooting and playing bridge. She managed the Bozeman Bridge Club for ten years and worked part time for the Production Credit Association in Bozeman for fifteen years. She volunteered some 3500 hours at the Museum of the Rockies.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kelly, one brother, and two sisters.

Della is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Larry (Joanne Luebbe) Mills of Sacramento, California; son, Robbin Mills of Bozeman; and grandchildren, Terri of Sacramento and Scott Mills of Denver.

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

A visitation with the family will be held Friday, November 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service. www.dokkennelson.com.