



Betty Josephine Harden Pickard McBride was born in Gunsight, Texas, now a ghost town, on August 14, 1923 and passed away peacefully at home in Bozeman on Dec 6, 2008 after a short illness.

Betty was a proud Texan, a survivor of the 1937 New London School explosion, and a retired elementary school teacher. She loved her family, gardening, walking for exercise, square dancing, reading and movies.

She moved to Bozeman from Austin in July 2007 at the age of 83 and soon after arriving hiked up to Palisade Falls. She enjoyed living at Highgate among a set of new friends and took part in exercise classes, Walking Club, trips to the Bozeman Public Library, movie nights and musical events. She spent many happy hours with special friend Bud McAllister there.

Betty is survived by her sister, Frances Evans and her brother, Phillip (Barbara) Harden, all of Texas; her four sons, Charles Alan (Karen) Pickard of Caldwell, Idaho; Murphy Pickard of Denver, Colorado; Dale (Debra De Bode) Pickard of Bozeman; and Gary (Lisa Marie) Pickard of Foster, Rhode Island; grandchildren, Bradley (Stacey) Pickard, Krystal (Matt) Atkinson, David Pickard and Kyle Pickard, step-grandson, Anders Knopspe and great-grand daughter, Brooklyn Atkinson. She leaves behind step-children, Carol, James and Susie McBride and many nieces and nephews, including her dear nephew, Mike Evans of Texas.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Charles and Geneva Harden, sisters, Charline and Esther and brother, Thaylor Harden, and husband, Donald McBride.

A celebration of her life will be held at a future date.

Memorials in Betty's name may be made to a charity of one's choice or to the Bozeman Public Library, 626 E. Main St., Bozeman, MT 59715.



