



Our beloved mother, grandmother and sister, Jennie Lefferts died on December 15, 2010 of colon cancer in the Gallatin Rest Home in Bozeman.

Jennie Lefferts was born Myrtle J. Turner on Dec. 11, 1915. She was born on the Lew and Ollie Griffith's homestead about six miles west of Grass Range. Lone and Effie Turner were homesteading on Blood Creek near Dovetail. When Jennie was due they headed to Lew and Ollie's place for the birth.

Jennie lived with her parents on the homestead until she was about three. The family, consisting of Lone, Effie and Jennie, moved to Washington state. She was joined by two sisters, Florence and Esther, in Dayton, Wash. They left Washington and moved back to Montana in Fall of 1922.

They, once again, lived in the badlands on Sage Creek in the Valentine vicinity for about one year, and then moved back onto the Lew Griffith place. Jennie attended the dryland school. She rode a pinto named Dixie Queen and dearly loved her, a horse she broke herself.

Jennie attended high school in Grass Range and in Lewistown. She met and married Tom Lefferts in August of 1933. They met at a dance where Alvin Price was playing the fiddle that night. To Tom and Jennie were born four children and one adopted daughter.

Arleigh Lewis was born first and died at age two. Thomas William second, he lived nine hours. These two boys both died within one year. Childhood vaccines would have saved both boys had they been available. Then Tom and Jennie adopted Wilma Jean Bacon. In a few years, the family was joined by Mervin. Merv and his wife, Char, reside in Bozeman.

A few years later, a daughter, Carol, arrived. She is married to Rich Riotto and they reside in Renton, Wash.

Jennie has seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grand children whom she loved immensely. She was very proud of them all.

Jennie is survived by two sisters, Gloria Ewell and Naomi Turner, and one brother, Dwain Turner, all of Lewistown. Her husband of 60 years and three weeks preceded her in death; also two sisters, Florence Kilgore and Esther Miller.

Jennie was talented, she painted china, oils, acrylics, pastels and loved to quilt and do needle work. She generously gave of her love, time, talent and prayers. She will be missed by her families and friends.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 19, 2010 at Cloyds Funeral Home in Lewistown, Montana.