



Our loving Mother, Sister, Grandmother and Friend, Florence E. Skates passed away at home surrounded by her family on December 8, 2007 due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Florence was born on September 20, 1937 in Huntley Montana to John and Vera Lesser. She grew up in Billings with her parents and 8 siblings.

She attended school and graduated in Billings and soon after was married, blessed with two children and later divorced. She worked as a office manager for auto dealerships in Thermopolis Wyoming, Miles City and Red Lodge, Montana. After retirement she moved to Bozeman to be near her family and two grandchildren.

She was a member of the Hope Lutheran Church. Her pastimes were reading, cooking, finding treasures at garage sales, giving to others, and watching her grandchildren grow. She had a zest for life and always wore a smile.

Survivors include her Son Douglas Skates of Denver, Colorado, Daughter Darcy (Scott) Winter of Bozeman, 2 grandchildren, Madison and Michael Winter. Sisters; Dorothy Steinmetz and Linda (Oren) Rosin of Billings, Mary Ann Wilcox of Harlowton, Edna Renz of Paul, Idaho. Brothers, Gene (Donna) Lesser of Bozeman and Brian (Judy) Lesser of Billings and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by both of her parents; and two Brothers, Johnny and Walter Lesser.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be in held in Billings on December 14, 2007 at 2 pm at the Cremation or Funeral Gallery located at 29 eighth Street West, reception to follow.

#### OUR ANGEL MOM

SHE WAS OUR MOM, FRIEND, AND CONFIDANTE. SHE WAS LOVED BY EVERYONE WHO KNEW HER AND SHE WAS DESCRIBED AS AN "ANGEL" BY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND EVEN AQUANTANCES. SHE WAS OUR OWN PRECIOUS ANGEL AND THOUGH WE CAN'T SEE HER ANYMORE, WE THANK GOD FOR THE BLESSING OF HIS GIFT TO US....OUR ANGEL MOM.