



Paula Bowden Jermunson passed away on March 9, 2010, surrounded by her children. Paula was born on October 27, 1928, to Dr. Paul and Irene Bowden in Butte, where she lived until she graduated from high school.

Paula attended Loretta Heights College in Denver, and graduated from Montana State College in 1956. There she met fellow student, Neil Jermunson, of Brady, when they performed together in a play. They married in 1955 and made their first home at Neil's family farm in Brady. Subsequently, they lived in Butte and Burlington, Wyoming, before eventually settling down in the Gallatin Valley. She and Neil raised five children, and continued to live together in their family home until his death in 2007. After Neil's death, Paula still lived at home, and she still enjoyed the drive into town for weekly bowling and other appointments.

Paula was simply "Mrs. Jermunson" to the thousands of students who took Jr. High English from her over her twenty-four year long career with the Bozeman School District. She was strict, and proud of her commitment to the proper use of the English language. Though they may not all have enjoyed it at the time, she was frequently thanked by former students for all she had taught them.

Paula had a flare for drama, and performed many summers with the Loft Theater in Bozeman. She possessed a great sense of humor, and was always ready to strike up a conversation. She was fiercely patriotic, and you could always spot her car in a parking lot by the flag license frame and bumper stickers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Neil. She will be missed by her children, Paul Jermunson, of Great Falls, Laine Schiltz, and Karl (Maxine) Jermunson, both of Billings, Kris (Jim) Gullo of McMinnville, Oregon, and Alex Jermunson (Michael O'Donnell) of Wellington, New Zealand; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral Mass will be held Monday, March 15, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church at 11 a.m. Private interment will take place in Conrad, Montana.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service. www.dokkennelson.com

