

Judith “Judy” Ann Snook, 73, of Belgrade passed away on Sunday, November 7, 2010. Judy was born June 7, 1937 in Santa Ana, California to Dr. Coy T. and Lucille Maret. Their family moved to Escondido, California where her dad took over as pastor at Emmanuel Faith Community Church.

Judy spent most of her life in Escondido. She graduated from Multnomah University in Oregon. She worked for Bank of America until she met the love of her life, Bud Snook. Bud and Judy were married at the church on November 24, 1965 by her father. In June of 1968 they were blessed with their first child, Vicky, and in August of 1969 their second child, Jeff

Judy worked as a volunteer in the school system from the time her kids were in school, and also her beloved grandkids. She was known by all the kids as “Grandma Judy” in Montana. In September of 1992 Judy left California and moved to Belgrade to be close to her grandchild, Kelcie. In August of 1995 another grandchild, Taylor, was born and they were her entire being. To Judy her kids and grandkids were her life. I guess it would be safe to say all kids and animals were important to her.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Coy T. and Lucille Maret; a sister, Kathy Denham; and her son, Jeff Snook.

Judy is survived by her husband of nearly 45 years, Bud Snook; her sister, Lynne Whitehead; her daughter and son-in-law, Art and Vicky Garrison; step-children Debbie Ellison, Kathy Snook, John Shunk; and grandchildren, Kelcie and Taylor Hill, Lee Eddy, Josh Kowalski, Kasea Amond, Josh, Joe, Jordan, Justin, and Jeremy Garrison; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. And of course Roxy, a yellow lab that could do no wrong.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter, PO Box 11390, Bozeman, MT, 59719; or Hospice of Southwest Montana, 1600 Ellis Street, Suite 3, Bozeman, MT 59715.

A very special thanks to all the wonderful people at Hospice of Southwest Montana. Megan, Sue, Kelly, Jan—thanks for making the last months so much better for Judy. Thanks for all the tacos.

A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, November 11, at 11am at Belgrade Community Church.