

Deloris Lorene Welch left this earth to spend eternity with our Lord Jesus on February 12, 2007 after a short battle with cancer. She was born Deloris Lorene Baker on February 9, 1933 in Bozeman, Montana. She graduated from Gallatin County High School in 1951 and worked for the phone company and Teslow Grain Company before marrying Frank Welch of Belgrade. Deloris was a loving and devoted military wife and mom. She was proud of her husband's military career and enjoyed living in various places including the Philippines, Phoenix, and Myrtle Beach and finally retired to Belgrade, Montana.

Deloris was the ultimate game competitor and loved a challenging game of double deck pinochle. She loved to work with her hands creating wonderful crafts, lovely flower gardens, and various house remodeling projects. She collected beautiful bird figurines and clocks of all makes, models, and "sounds".

Deloris was one of the original "soccer moms" following her four boys to sporting events far and wide over a period of 25 years. She also worked for Belgrade Schools in various capacities for 10 years, retiring to concentrate on what she loved most, being with her grandkids.

Gramma Dee loved her grandchildren including Hanah and Samantha, daughters of her Son, Tracy (Sue) of Belgrade; Stephanie (currently serving her country at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio), Cody, and Wyatt, children of her son, Ross (Shirley) of Three Forks; Brandy (Andy Shepardson) of Charlotte, NC, Coralee (Patrick Norris) of Flagstaff, AZ, and Jillian of Belgrade, daughters of her son, Dan (Janice) of Belgrade; and her great grandson Declan Michael (Coralee and Patrick).

Deloris is further survived by her sister, Carolyn (Ken Lewis) of Belgrade, brother, Dick (Teruko) of Belgrade, brother, James (Daria) of Centralia, WA and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other friends and family. She was preceded in death by her son, Jerry; mother Alvina Zindler Baker and father James "Bud" Baker.

Interment will be Friday, February 16, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, Belgrade. There will be a memorial service at the Belgrade Community Church, 119 South Broadway in Belgrade at 1:00 p.m.. Friday. Reception will follow in the fellowship hall. Donations may be made to Bozeman Deaconess Cancer Center or Bozeman Deaconess ICU at 931 Highland Blvd, Suite 3200, Bozeman, MT 59715