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### Lois Elvera Dunham

Lois Elvera Dunham, of Billings, formerly of Bozeman, passed away May 20, 2006. She was born in Lamar, Colo., on Aug. 22, 1919, to Herman and Esther Ohlson, immigrants who became U.S. citizens from Sweden.

Lois was raised on a sheep and turkey farm outside of Hasty, Colo. She graduated from McClave High School, where she was a star basketball player and then attended Barnes Business College in Denver. Lois met her husband Wesley in high school and married him in July of 1939. They enjoyed celebrating each of their 66 wedding anniversaries and Wes always referred to Lois as his girlfriend. They lived in Bozeman for over 50 years, being very active in the community and moved to Billings last year due to failing health. Lois worked at JC Penney's in Bozeman for many years and was a member of the First Methodist Church and a Bozeman Women's Sorority. Wes and Lois belonged to a dance club and danced away many weekends. She loved planting her garden on Mother's Day, spending time and entertaining family and friends at her cabin near Big Sky and doing for others. Her family and grandchildren gave her great joy and no one was ever turned away from her dinner table.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents; her younger brother, Sone Ohlson; and an infant son, Norman Dale.

Lois is survived by her husband and "boyfriend," Wesley Dunham; her sister, Violet Patterson of Fort Collins, Colo.; son Larry Dunham and his wife Merrily of Covington, Wash.; daughter Mari Lynn and her husband Tom Rossetto of Billings; five grandchildren, Kirsya Bayer, Maibritt Adkins, Scott Rossetto, Angela Rossetto and Lisa Rossetto. Lois is also survived by 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service to celebrate Lois' life will be held Saturday, May 27, at 1 p.m. at Smith Downtown Funeral Chapel, 925 S. 27th St., Billings.

Memorials may be made to Eagle Cliff Manor, 1415 Yellowstone River Road, Billings, where she resided and was cared for this last year, Big Sky Hospice, or a charity of your choice.

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