

Obituary

Rosamond “Rosa” Balmforth, 88



Rosamond “Rosa” Ethel Gibbons Balmforth, 88, of Blackfoot passed away, Friday, August 19, 2011 at Bingham Memorial Skilled Nursing and Rehab of natural causes.

She was born May 26, 1923 to James Evan and Ethel Thomas Gibbons in Malad, Idaho. Her father died when she was four years old, leaving 5 children for her mother to raise.

To help ease the burden, Rosa went to stay with her older sister, Emilie Leonard in Idaho Falls. They went to the dances every Saturday night, where she was introduced to Dewain Balmforth.

Rosa and Dewain eloped to Jackson Hole, Wyoming and were married on September 4, 1940. In fifty plus years, they lived in Woodville, Osgood and Blackfoot areas. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on September 10, 1997. They were blessed with five children, Judy, Luane, Susan, Ted and Eve.

Rosa retired from Basic American Foods in 1988 after working for 29 years.

Rosa loved to paint, dance, quilt and enjoy the outdoors whether it be camping, gardening or spending time with the horses they raised. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Dewain in 1994, daughter, Susann, sisters, Thelma and Emilie, brothers, Earl, Kenneth and Jack.

She is also survived by her four children, Judy Balmforth of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Luane (Gayle) Cox, Eve (Mike) Dodge of Blackfoot, Ted (Sandra) Balmforth of Driggs, Idaho; brother, Douglas of Marysville, WA, nineteen grandchildren, thirty six great grandchildren and ten great great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at the Moreland LDS Chapel with Bishop Kay Martin conducting.

The family will meet with friends and family from 6-8 p.m. Monday, August 22, 2011 at Hawker Funeral Home and for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Interment will be in the Moreland Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com