

Obituary

Catherine England, 66

Catherine England, 66, Blackfoot, Idaho passed away at her home May 2, following a lingering illness. She was born in Blackfoot, Idaho on September 4, 1944, to Irving Peter Anderson and Goldie Myrtle Moore Anderson. She was the youngest of five children and was a graduate of Blackfoot High School.

She married Melvin T. England on May 22, 1965.

Catherine was a beautician and cosmetology instructor at Blackfoot College of Beauty in the early years of their marriage. Later in life, Catherine drove school bus for Miles Bus Company. Her favorite and final bus route was one serving students with special needs. Catherine loved her "kids" and they loved her. She was deeply saddened when she had to retire due to her illness.

A lifelong resident of Blackfoot, Catherine was active member of the B.P.O. Does Drove #190. She served as president in 1994, 2005 and served as secretary for ten years from 1995 to 2004. She was elected Idaho/Utah District secretary in September 2008 and served until 2009. Catherine was an amazing wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend. She took great joy and pleasure in spending time with loved ones. Family and friends are fortunate to have many cheerful memories of good times; searching for the puzzle piece that only Catherine could seem to find, never winning a game of Scrabble or Boggle when playing against her, never needing a dictionary to complete a crossword when Catherine was around, and being awakened by 5:00 a.m. every Christmas morning.

Catherine was extraordinarily hardworking and generous; always holding the welfare of her children and grandchildren as a priority. Dakota and Harley describe her as a very good cook and a very nice grandma. Those who love her will forever admire the strength and resiliency with which she fought her illness.

She is survived by her husband, Mel England of Blackfoot, Idaho; children Kelli (Chris) Ehresmann of Tumwater, Washington; Kristi England of Seattle, Washington, and Brian (Gloria) England and two grandchildren, Dakota and Harley England, all of Blackfoot, Idaho; sister Martea Watson of Twin Falls, Idaho; brother Darrell Anderson of Ashton, Idaho; sister-in-law MerLynn Anderson of Blackfoot, Idaho and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Dwaine Carroll Anderson and Irving Jay Anderson.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 1:00 PM at the Blackfoot Elks Lodge, 123 North Ash Street, Blackfoot, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave., Blackfoot, Idaho 83221. Condolences may be sent to condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Elk's Rehabilitation Hospital at www.idahoelksrehab.org.

