

Obituary

Oral Carma Felsted Kirkpatrick, 82



Oral Carma Felsted Kirkpatrick, 82 of Palm Deseret, Calif, formerly of Blackfoot, passed away February 17, 2010 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Oral was born June 18, 1927 to Minerva and Archibald Merrell. She was lovingly allowed to be adopted by Edwin and Ana Parsons Felsted shortly after her birth.

She graduated from Snake River High School. She loved athletics in school.

On September 3, 1944, she married Glen Kirkpatrick in Dillon, MT. They had five children.

Glen and Oral worked hard farming, and raising their family. She joined the Seventh Day Adventist Church shortly after they were married. They were later divorced in 1977. She worked as a waitress at several diners. Oral decided to return to school and graduated from Idaho State University, with a degree in Home Economics. Oral worked with the patients at State Hospital South, teaching them different crafts, and homemaking skills. She was a member of the Toastmistress Club.

She married Grant Hulse and enjoyed several years together before they also divorced. Oral moved to Portland, OR., where she worked at several retirement homes, and eventually opened her own. She returned to Blackfoot in 2000 and lived here until 2007, when she went to live in the Palm Springs area with her daughter, Elaine, so she could receive some health treatments. Due to a car accident on January 7, 2010, her health rapidly declined and she passed away on February 17, 2010.

Oral enjoyed many crafts, including cooking, sewing, crocheting, and painting. She loved NBA Basketball and pinochle as well as taking her children on outings. She enjoyed attending church and helped when ever she was needed.

Oral is survived by her children, Glenda (Lanny) Slater of San Diego, CA, Dean (Trudy) Kirkpatrick of Blackfoot, Fred (Sally) Kirkpatrick of Portland, OR, and Ellen (Jim) Montgomery of Portland, OR; 17 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild, sisters, Joy (Bill) Hobbs, Sandy Talkington both of Idaho Falls, brother, Sam Cotterell of Bozeman, MT.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Joseph Merrell, Thayne Merrell, Ivan Merrell, Arvis Merrell, Darow Felsted, Hazen Cotterell, Melvin Cotterell and Mark Longbrake, sisters, Grace Sykes, Lottie Gooch and Bernice Williams.

A memorial service will be held in her memory, 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave., as well as her daughter, Elaine who passed away just before her accident.

The family will meet with friends for one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery.