

## Obituary

### Myrtle Annie Hokanson Horton Parkinson, 100



Myrtle Annie Hokanson Horton Parkinson, 100, of Blackfoot passed away July 31, 2010 at her home in Blackfoot of causes incident to age.

She was born June 29, 1910, in Freedom, Wyoming, the sixth child in a family of seven children, to John Alfred and Luella Johanna Peterson Hokanson. Myrtle attended school in Star Valley, Wyoming until her junior year in high school when she moved to Moreland, Idaho, to live with her older sister, Cora. This provided her with an opportunity to apprentice as a cosmetologist. She received her license to practice in 1930 and ended her career in about 2000. She graduated from Blackfoot High School in 1930 and was the last remaining class member.

While attending high school she met her sweetheart, Gerald G. (Dutch) Horton, and they married May 12, 1934 in Pocatello. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple. Dutch sold cars and Myrtle did hair, they had a very happy and loving life together. Dutch passed away March 27, 1975

Myrtle was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and was a committed primary worker both on the ward and stake level. Many girls learned to knit because of Myrtle's deft hands and patient personality. She was a member of Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, Lady Lions, The Beauticians Affiliate, and Study Club. Through these associations and her work she made many lifelong friends. .

On October 17, 1979 Myrtle married Van West Parkinson of Rexburg, a wonderful man she and Dutch had known for many years. Van and Myrtle were able to travel to many exciting places during their years together and spent several winters in Arizona. Van passed away April 27, 1987.

Myrtle lived a life of service to others, but her greatest service was to her family. Her daughter and son in law, their children, her great grandchildren, her stepchildren, her nieces and nephews and their families know of her love for them and that they could count on her to love them unconditionally. She kept close track of her step children and she was very happy to have them in her life.

She is survived by her daughter Suzanne (John) Hicks of Pocatello, six grandchildren: Alyson, (Mike) O'Steen, of Salt Lake City, UT; Wally (Carol) Hicks; Cameron (Nicole) Hicks; and Andrew Hicks all of Pocatello; Brady Hicks Blackfoot; and Jane Anne (Doug) Talbot of Idaho Falls; and 16 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her step-children: Sharon Hinckley of Rexburg; Kay Barrick of Juneau AK; Joyce Hiiva, Federal Way WA; and Ed Parkinson, Fountain Hills AZ; and 15 step-grandchildren, and 34 step-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, her parents, her brothers Richard, Orlin, and Stanley Hokanson; and her sisters Viola Anglesey, Cora Palmer, and Ardella Parkinson; and a grandchild, Erin Hicks, all joyously awaiting her arrival and anxious to hear the latest news.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Thursday August 5, 2010 at the Blackfoot Second Ward Chapel 660 Teton Drive Blackfoot, Idaho. Family will visit with friends at the church from 9:30 am to 10:45 am. Burial will follow at Grove City Cemetery in Blackfoot. Family is under the care of Hawker Funeral Home in Blackfoot. Condolences may be sent to the family at [condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com](mailto:condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com).