

Obituary

Deena LaRue Stoddard, 67

Deena LaRue Stoddard, 67, of Blackfoot, passed away Friday, December 3, 2010 at her home after a long battle with cancer.

She was born July 31, 1943 to Lorenzo Velmar Smith and Alta Williametta Rock Smith in Ucon, Idaho.

She attended school in Ucon, St. Anthony and Pahsimeroi.

On June 20, 1959, she married Franklin Stoddard.

She enjoyed embroidery, tole painting, reading, sewing, making and painting porcelain dolls and ceramics.

Deena worked almost 15 years at Dawn Enterprises where she worked with and trained the mentally challenged to survive in the world around them. She also worked at Basic American Foods for over 15 years, most of them as a lab tech where she and many other dedicated persons made sure the foods we eat are of the utmost quality.

Shortly before considering her retirement years, she was diagnosed with cancer and spent her last four years battling this dreaded disease so she could remain with her earthbound family.

She is survived by daughters, Judy LaRue Mitchell of Blackfoot, Jylene Marie (Farrell) Cammack of Blackfoot, Vicki Lynne (Leo) Leon of Sun Valley, California; sisters, Marie (Paul) Miller of Ririe, Twilla (Baldimar) Cruz of Burley; brother, Darwin "Buzz" (Nancy) Smith of Oregon; sisters-in-law, Katie (Bill) Hoffman of Blackfoot and Lila Smith; best friend, Peggy Baker of Blackfoot; seven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her one true love, Franklin Stoddard; parents, Lorenzo and Alta Smith; sisters, Cora Jepsen, Sharon Ellis and Linda Smith; brothers, Dwaine "Smitty" Smith, Vern (Lila) Smith and Elmer (Petey) Smith.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 9, 2010 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave., Blackfoot, Idaho.

The family will meet with friends on Wednesday evening from 6-8 p.m. and for one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.

