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Ruth Lorraine (Washburn) Nieman Cossairt, 86

Lorraine, 86, of Naples was born Jan. 4, 1919 to Charlie and Nellie (Johnson) Washburn. She passed away Aug. 25, 2005 of a heart attack.



Lorraine was fourth born of 11 sons and daughters — Harriet, Howard, Bruce, Bessie, Helen, Don and Peggy precede her. Lura (Gif) Dinning and Betty (Leroy) Kelson surviving sisters.

Lorraine was born in a cabin in the woods North of Meadow Creek, Idaho. She attended grade school at Bonner Tie and later Bonners Ferry High School, graduating in 1938. While working at the Kootenai Valley Farms, she met and married Douglas W. Nieman in June of 1938. They had a farm on 80 acres near Porthill. Three sons were born — Bill (Jacki), Joe and Stuart (Ginger). During the boys' school years, she enjoyed card parties and was active in Mt. Hall PTA. Doug passed away March 28, 1958. Lorraine and the boys remained on the farm

several more years. In Sept 1963, Lorraine married Carl A. Cossairt. Mom worked at the hospital and Naples School as a cook — she enjoyed both very much. Mom and Carl were members of the Bonners Ferry Lutheran Church. They enjoyed Rv'ing and home and friends at Bashfords Spa in Southern California. Mom liked working outdoors, fishing, gardening and sharing. Carl passed away Feb. 7, 2004. Carl's children are Marilyn (Jerry) Bauman, Audrey (Don) Spaulding, Wanda (Collins) Lefebvre and Mike (Thea) Cossairt.

Lorraine is survived by her three sons and Carl's sons children, sisters and husbands and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services for Lorraine will be Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005, 1 p.m. at Bonners Ferry Lutheran Church. Pastor Dean Peterson officiating. A gathering in the church basement following services (Lutheran Ladies) and burial at Porthill Cemetery. A potluck dinner will be held following at Mile Post 500 (Mom's place near Naples).