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Mary Lucille Dyke, 71



Mary Lucille (Blunt) Dyke passed away on Jan. 16, 2004 in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Mary was born March 8, 1932, in Regina, Saskatchewan to Edwin F. and Verona E. (Ward) Blunt, the eighth of 10 children.

Mary graduated from Ellensburg High School and attended Simpson Bible College in Seattle, Wash. where she met her husband, Peter Dyke. Mary and Pete were wed June 29, 1951 in Ellensburg, Wash., and they made their first home in Seattle. In 1952 they moved to the Bonners Ferry area.

Mary worked full-time raising five children and a husband, which she performed admirably with love, strength, and ingenuity. At age 60, Mary was very excited to start her first paying job as a waitress for her daughter at Maier's Family Restaurant, where she worked until joining her husband in retirement.

Mary was an active member of the First Baptist Church, and through the years she

played piano and organ at church services, Sunday school, as well as pre-school and kindergarten programs.

Music was extremely important to Mary and was always a part of her and her family's life; she would sit for hours at the piano playing and singing her favorite hymns and songs.

Mary also enjoyed writing poetry, and her family and friends loved to receive her many thoughtful cards and words of encouragement. One of her greatest joys was spending time with her grandsons, and they will always treasure their time with her.

Mary was preceded in death by her grandson, Jacob Evans, whom she has joined in heaven. She is survived by her husband, Pete Dyke of Bonners Ferry, and her children: Doug Dyke and his son, Dustin of Lewiston, Id.; Steve Dyke and his sons, Joe, Chris and Joshua, of Boise, Id.; Sheryl Maier, her husband, Tim, and son, Jason Alexander of Bonners Ferry, Id.; Barbara Dyke of Bonners Ferry, Id.; and Michelle Evans, her husband, Terry, and son Joshua, of Moscow, Id.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004 at 11 a.m. at the Bonners Ferry First Baptist Church. The family suggests that any memorials be made to the Bonners Ferry First Baptist Church, the Blind Institute, or the American Diabetic Association.

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