

# Lila Bell Hilliard, 84

Lila Bell Hilliard, 84, died Tuesday July 12 in Spokane after failing health for the last few years. A vigil service was held Friday July 15 at 7 p.m. at the Bonners Ferry funeral home in Bonners Ferry. The Mass of Christian Burial was on Saturday July 16 at 11 a.m. in the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bonners Ferry with interment following at the Grandview Cemetery in Bonners Ferry.

Lila was born on Aug. 10, 1920 in Limom, Colo., the oldest girl of Nettie Marie (Elston) Galbraith and Ralph Galbraith. Lila moved to Bonners Ferry with her family in 1937.

She married the love of her life. John Hubert Hilliard on

June 9, 1941. She and John had three children. Their oldest and only son David James Hilliard, born May 4, 1942. Their two daughters are Jeannette Marie, born Aug. 23, 1947, and Sheryl Kay, born Jan. 9, 1954.

About 1960 Lila and John and seven other couples formed the square and round dance club "The Kootenai Kloggers." They continued to be avid dancers until failing health of both of them in 1994.

Lila was a mother and homemaker most all of her life. She loved camping, huckleberry picking, cooking and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was the resident

local "Avon lady" for 37 years and thoroughly enjoyed it. She donated Christmas gifts to the Restorium and nursing wing every year along with her yearly Christmas Avon open house which was attended regularly by many in the community. Lila and John were moved to Spokane in 1999 to be closer to the girls and their families.

Lila was preceded in death by her husband John Hubert Hilliard in 2002; her parents Ralph and Nettie Galbraith; brothers, Lee, Raymond Gus, William, Virgil; and sister Faye Grandson Robbie Cheers.

She is survived by her only son David James Hilliard and wife Nita of Bonners Ferry; two daughters, Jeannette

DeLisle and husband Dee of Chattaroy, Wash.; and Sheryl Kay and husband Bob of Spokane, Washington; one brother, Willard Galbraith and wife Velma of Red Bluff, Calif.; sisters; Bessie Roberts, Vancouver, Wash., Ruby Johnson and husband Earl of Anaheim, Calif., Judy Spears of California and Lorena Beim of Vancouver, Wash. She is also survived and missed by 15 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family requests your donations be made in her memory to the Hospice of Spokane or the Alzheimer's Research.

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