

OBITUARIES

June Susan Hubbell



A wake will be held for Sue Hubbell on April 27, 2002 in her home at 6891 Atlanta St. Friends and relatives are invited to attend between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Sue was born on the family farm in Metamora, Ohio on June 4, 1929. She was the fifth of nine children born to Veronica and Leo Schmitz. She helped her family cultivate row crops including corn, sugar beets, soy beans and tomatoes. She often spoke of having rotten tomato fights with her siblings.

Sue left the farm to pursue a nursing degree at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo, Ohio. After receiving her RN degree at age 20, she traveled west, taking a variety of positions as a "tramp" nurse.

While working in Los Gatos, Calif., she met Jim Hubbell during his rehabilitation from a skiing accident. After a brief courtship which

included dates in his biplane, they were married on Oct. 22, 1955. They often toasted each other to "Health, Happiness and Kids."

After establishing a family of eight children, they sold their home in Los Gatos and moved on Nov. 17, 1975 to a 40-acre farm in Moravia, Boundary County.

Sue believed in raising her children naturally on their homestead, growing their food organically and working hard. She was well-known for her large U-pick strawberry patch and starting what became the Kootenai Valley Natural Foods Co-Op. As her children grew up and moved out, she pursued new interests in horticulture, camping and fishing.

She died April 18, 2002, after an extended illness. She was surrounded by her loving family.

Survivors include her husband Him and children; Matt Hubbell of Lahaina, Hawaii; Mike (and Liz) Hubbell of Bonners Ferry, Id.; Tom (and Lynrae) Hubbell of Tacoma, Wash.; Jeff (and Billie) Hubbell of Roy, Wash.; Therese Hubbell (and Dave Deutsch) of Prescott, Ariz.; Doug (and Linda) Hubbell of Troy, Mont.; Julie (and Lee) Colson of Bonners Ferry, Id.; and Mary (and David) Mendenhall of Bonners Ferry, Id. Sue had 12 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.