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## Shirley Virginia Nelson, 82

Shirley Virginia Nelson died on Nov. 23, 2005 at her son's home near Bonnors Ferry. Services will be held on Dec. 2, 2005 at 2 p.m. at the Bonnors Ferry Funeral Home.

Shirley was born in Buchanan, Mich., on July 11, 1923 to William and Emily Ridley. She was one of four daughters and was raised in and around Niles, Mich.

After stops in California, Oregon, and Washington states, she settled in Boundary County in 1954. She married Henry William Nelson on Dec. 22, 1954 and raised their combined family at the home place in Pleasant Valley.

She was a daughter, a granddaughter, a niece, a sister, a wife, a mother, an aunt,

a grandmother, and a great-grandmother, but mostly she was mom. She loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren. There was always something tasty and a box of toys at Grandma's house.

She loved her friendships new and old. She loved nature, whether working her gardens or joining the family on Sunday drives, or helping cut firewood in the mountains in the fall. She loved the sky; her eyes were often turned upward to the heavens.

She loved her home, surrounded by pictures of her family and her many collections. Like many people who grew up in the depression era, she treasured her possessions.

She loved to travel. She had

an insatiable desire to see new places and experience new things. She was a voracious reader and was surrounded by her books and magazines. She loved the family pets. There was always an orange and white cat on her lap or nearby. She greatly missed the old black lab, Sylvia, who kept her and Hank company for many years.

She was quick to laugh, but slow to cry. She marked time the last few years waiting for God who mercifully took her home on the morning of Nov. 23, 2005.

Good-bye mom, you mattered and you will be missed.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to Bonner Community Hospice in Sandpoint.