Elsie Jean Voll, 78

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Elsie Jean Voll, 78, passed away Sunday, April 26, 2009, at her home in Bonners Ferry after a short illness.

Services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, May 1, at Bonners Ferry Funeral Home with private inurnment in Paradise Valley Cemetery.

Elsie was born July 29, 1930, in Fishtail, Mont., to Earl and Myrtle Isakson Merrifield.

Elsie attended schools in Columbus, Mont., and Paradise Valley and Bonners Ferry. At age 16, she went to work caring for a woman in Naples. Elsie later worked for Kootenai Valley Farms and as a housekeeper.

Elsie married Elwood Voll on Sept. 2, 1950, in Coeur d'Alene.

For two summers, she worked with Elwood at Deer Ridge Lookout watching for fires. They had no road, carried water from the creek and had no electricity.

Elsie also worked for Commercial Hotel, the Fountain and as a housekeeper at Boundary Community Hospital for 18 years and the Community Restorium for 5 years.

Throughout the years, she enjoyed Bible studies; crocheting many baby sweaters, outfits, tablecloths, doilies and bedspreads; play-ing pinochle; friends; family reunions; and serving at the senior center.

Elsie also enjoyed puzzles, Christmas, gardening, knitting, decorating, making centerpieces for the senior center and volunteer work in the community.

She was a member of the Community Fellowship Church, Tops, senior center, Paradise Valley Grange and AARP.

Survivors include her husband of over 58 years, a sister Irene Rice of Bonners Ferry; twin brothers Elden Merrifield of Bonners Ferry and Ellis Merrifield of Coeur d'Alene; sister-in-laws Irma and Sharon Merrifield; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Elsie was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Anna Lofing and Betty Irene Merrifield, brothers Earl "Bud" Raymond, Russell and Alvin Merrifield; and an infant son, Kendon Voll.

Memorials can be made to the Senior Hospitality Center or Friends of the Restorium.

Family and friends can sign Elsie's book at www.bonnersferryfuneralhome.com.

Bonners Ferry Funeral Home handled arrangements.