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Leona Walsh, 77



Leola Louise (Becky) Walsh died on May 9, 2003 near Kemmerer, Wyoming at the age of 77. Graveside Services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at the Grandview Cemetery in Bonners Ferry, Idaho with Rev. Steve Dornfeld officiating.

She was born on May 10, 1925 in Crystal City, Mo. to Edward J. Sr. and Estelle S. (Pearman) Beckemeyer. Leola graduated from Crystal City High School in Crystal City, Mo. in 1943.

In 1945 she was awarded first place in a local beauty contest. In January of 1954 she married Robert (Bob) Walsh and moved to Vallejo, Calif. where she worked as a waitress.

In the late 1960's they moved to American Falls, Id. where they owned and operated an auto body shop. In 1985 she moved to Casper, Wyoming and worked at the Crisis

Center for Children until her retirement in 1990. She moved to Bonners ferry in 1990.

Leola enjoyed her family, extended family and friends. She loved wildlife, her dogs, the mountains and wildlife. he liked big walks panning for gold collecting antiques, collectibles, and geological history of the areas she lived in.

She will be best known and remembered for her friendliness and devotion to helping others.

Survivors include one brother Cletus R. Beckemeyer and wife Esther of Crystal City, Mo.; sister-in-law Barbara Beckemeyer of Rolla, Mo.; brother-in-law Fenton Parke of Casper, Wyo.; nieces: Elizabeth Forney and husband Larry of Colo, IA; Denise Staponski and husband Randy of Wentworth, Mo.; Susan Whitlock and husband Doug of Indianola, IA, and Darlene Wehner and husband Michael of Festus, Mo.; nephews Fenton Parke, Jr. of Gillette, Wyo.; Daniel Parke and wife Lois of Casper, Wyo.; Erick Beckemeyer of Kirksville, Mo.; and Jeffrey Beckemeyer of Desoto, Mo. Also surviving are 16 great nieces and nephews.

Leola was preceded in death by her parents, Robert (Bob) Walsh, one sister Dorothealee Parke, two brothers Norval Beckemeyer and Edward J. Beckemeyer, Jr. and friend Raymond Lowther.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Family Life Crisis Center in Casper, WY. Arrangements made by Bonners Ferry Funeral Home in Bonners Ferry, Idaho