

Julianne Stadden Watson, 83, of Bonners Ferry passed away peacefully on Monday, Oct. 6, 2008, surrounded by family, including her loving husband, Robert.

Julie was born Oct. 5, 1925.

She worked for Marshall Fields in Chicago, managed a pet store with her daughter Jeannie, was a nurse's aide in Illinois and volunteered at the Elgin State Hospital, teaching modern dance to patients and enriching their lives.

Later in her life, Julie wrote children's books featuring Peanut People, handled book work for her husband's construction company in New Mexico and started an antique shop with her daughter Jeannie.

Julie was an accomplished tennis player, receiving several tournament trophies and mastering a reverse backhand. Professional tennis player Bob Gullickson told Rod Laver, "You will never see anything like it."

Julie held the boys and girls high-jump record at her school in Hinsdale, Ill.

She spent summers as a child riding the train from Illinois to west Texas to ride horses and help on Aunt Agnus and Uncle Basil Cairn's ranch.

Julie and her husband, Bob, participated in canoe races and she was a strong bow paddler in these competitions.

Julie enjoyed modern dance, golf, lizards, tortoises,



caring for her home and decorating it in a southwestern style.

Bob and Julie's favorite home site

was in Datil, N.M. They were surrounded by the things they loved most — the high desert, blue skies, a menagerie of pets, enjoying many visits from their children, grandchildren, many friends, their log home and each other.

The family was able to be with Julianne for many days to celebrate her life.

Julie is also survived by her daughter Jeannie and her husband, John Walkington; sons Bob (Tink) Watson, John and his wife, Jana, and Jesse and his wife, Ruth; grandchildren Amos Walkington and his wife, Julie, Trevor Walkington, Sunny Eldridge, Quinn Walkington and his fiancée, Lana Helmich, Katie Watson and Natasha; a sister, Jeanne; a niece, Missie Hultberg; and great-grandchildren Madison, Riley and Isabelle Walkington, Dakota and Mia.

All were there when Julie passed.

Members of the family unable to be there were Kyle, Justin, Jeremiah, Robbie, Magan Watson and her children Caleb and Nessa.

At Julie's request, there will be no memorial service.