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Kathleen Marie Wells, 73



Kathleen Marie Wells, 73, passed away on Feb. 19, 2004 at the Community Hospital in Bonnors Ferry, Idaho.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Feb. 23, 2004 in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Bonnors Ferry, Idaho with internment following in the Grandview Cemetery.

Born on June 27, 1930, to Robert (Bob) Owen and Josephine Carry (Smallwood) Bates in Bonnors Ferry, Idaho, Kathleen lived in only three homes in her 73 years in Bonnors Ferry.

When first born she lived across the Kootenai River from Bonnors Ferry in District # 2, moving to the Zimmerman slaughterhouse west of Bonnors Ferry at the age of two. Then at the age of 12, Kathleen moved to her present home in District #2. She attended 12 years of school in Bonnors Ferry.

After graduating from high school, she married Francis (Burt) Wells on May 23, 1948, and made their home with Kathleen's parents, later buying the ranch and raising cattle and horses.

Kathleen helped run the ranch, raising much of their food from her garden, and enjoyed being a ranch wife. She was an active 4-H leader for nearly 20 years, leading livestock, outdoor cooking, sewing, and many other projects.

She attended Trinity Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School when her family was young and continued to be a member of the Elizabeth Circle. She was also a Cub Scout leader for a few years.

After raising a family, Kathleen went to work for the Boundary County Restorium as a cook, and later went on to become the cook at the Naples school. Kathleen took great pride in the kids she helped and friendships she made.

She retired along with her husband, Burt, in 1984, where they enjoyed the quiet life, doing some traveling, but mostly just going out to lunch.

Kathleen's interests included collecting antiques and teacups, reading, knitting, and watching the wildlife such as deer, turkeys, and birds, as well as new arrivals from the farm animals on the ranch. She was also well known as a great cook.

Kathleen leaves behind her loving husband of 55 years, Burt Wells, two sons Robert, and wife, Cathy; Paul and wife, Charlene (Charlie); and five grandchildren, Joe, LeAnn, Heath, Samantha, and Spencer. She also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, and many good friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.