



Dorothy Elizabeth Huhtanen

November 4, 1916 - December 25, 2017

Dorothy E. Braun Huhtanen was born November 4, 1916, in Chester, MT, the second daughter of Anna M. Clusen Braun and Bernhardt Braun. In 1921 the family moved to Drake, ND, where she attended rural schools and graduated from the 8th grade. She was determined she would go to high school. She left her grandparents and went to Drake, ND where she lived with Dr. Carl and Ada Rollie and worked for her board and room. She enrolled as a freshman at Drake high School and graduated in 1934.

Her younger sister Arlene lived in Butte, MT with an aunt and uncle. She encouraged her to come to Butte. In December of 1935 Dorothy and Aunt Louise Braun left ND for MT. On January 28, 1940, she married Edward A. Huhtanen in St. Mark Lutheran Church. She was an active member of St Mark, served as a Sunday School teacher, youth group leader, President of the LWML, church secretary, and a leader of other committees.

She was employed at Hennessy's, Diana Hughes, and retired in 1978 as a state employee from Montana State Hospital in Warm Springs.

In the late 40's & 50's she was active in the Monroe PTA. She served two terms as President as well as serving as Vice President of the Central Council of PTA. She was a den mother for many years for Cub scouts, and a volunteer for the little league baseball team at the Boulevard.

She retired in 1978 from Warm Springs State hospital. She volunteered at the Headstart program as well as at the Silver Bow General Auxiliary where she served as President. She was acting President when hospital was sold to St James Hospital.

She was a long time member of the Butte Symphony, the community concert, Hennessy's club and the Montana State Hospital Retirees Group, which she and her now deceased friend Lucile Palmer were instrumental in organizing in 1981. She was the acting leader of the group for 26 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents-mother in 1928, father in 1977, and husband in 1976, her sisters Florence, Arlene, Bernice and brother Donald, her mother and father-in-law and all of Edward's brothers and sisters.

She is survived her son-Dale (Dianne) Huhtanen of Hamilton, a grandson Mark (Shelly) Huhtanen and two great grandsons Hayden and Broden of Georgia; a granddaughter Debra Lindsey and great granddaughters Alexa and Kayleigh; a half-sister Carol Stolt as well as her nieces and nephews, Jerry (Micheale) Aanrud, Jim (Pat) Aanrud, Connie (Ron) Lane, Debbie (Dave) Bowen, Cheryl Caron, Ron Ayers, Darlene Malinoff, Lois Cobban, Danette (Kevin) Coles, Lyle Braun, Ralph(Cheryl) Williams, Rudy Panion, Sharon (Dennis) Wolf, Susan (Dennis) Howard, Mike Huhtanen, Kay Connors, George (Marlene) Huhtanen, and Sally Carlson, as well as numerous cousins including Charles Jacobson, Eugene Braun, Bill Martin, Donald (Dorothy) Clusen, and Gene Harder.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

16 miles west of Butte
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Service

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM (MT)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
223 S. Montana
Butte, MT 59701

Tribute Wall

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“ *Rest in peace, Dorothy. From the youngest half sister, Emeline. Another half sister Jean and a half brither, Lester. Our deepest sympathy to Dale and his family.*

Emmy Radtke. - December 28, 2017 at 11:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Huhtanen.*



December 27, 2017 at 01:45 PM

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“ *Vickie, LaDonna, Brenda & Colleen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dorothy Elizabeth Huhtanen.*



Vickie, LaDonna, Brenda & Colleen - December 27, 2017 at 12:10 PM