



## Irene Ellen Brown

July 23, 1934 - August 21, 2024

Irene Ellen Brown passed away Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at Big Sky Senior Living in Butte with her daughter at her bedside. She was born Monday, July 23, 1934 in Great Falls, Montana, one of four children to Gust and Hilma (Nevala) Koski. She attended schools in Great Falls, Stanford and graduated from Geysers High School.

Irene married Ward Brown on June 15, 1962 in Great Falls and they lived in several communities in the state, including Billings before settling down in Butte in 1976. Square dancing was a passion of both of them as they participated in many groups and travelled to dance to their favorite callers. Irene belonged to many groups over the years including Chateau Quilters. Quilting took over her life with her taking her first quilting class in 1990. Irene was an accomplished quilter and made many quilts which she shared with her family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband Ward Brown, who passed away September 2, 2002, her parents, and her two brothers, Ted and Everett Koski. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Sylvia and Glen Cunningham of Butte, grandson, Justin Cunningham (Kaidyn Storey) and their son Cooper. Also surviving are her sister Arlene Osterman of Armington, Montana, nieces and nephews, Dennis (Amber) Osterman, Debbie Urick (Rick Medieros), Darin Osterman, David (Cathi) Koski, Craig Koski, Loranda Koski, as well as several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday,

September 7th at the Butte Country Club, beginning at 1 o'clock.

# Previous Events

## Celebration

SEP 7. 1:00 PM (MT)

Butte Country Club  
3400 Elizabeth Warren Avenue  
Butte, MT 59701

# Tribute Wall

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“ Irene was a good Avon customer, that's how I met her. Very sweet lady that I enjoyed visiting! Always envied her quilting skills! Sylvia eventually babysat our kids , so got to know her! Now she carries on the quilting talent! Irene will be missed 🙏

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**Cathy Galetti** - September 07, 2024 at 11:25 AM