



Letha M. Dawson

August 31, 1926 - March 6, 2024

Letha M. Dawson passed away Wednesday morning, March 6, 2024 at the Copper Ridge Health and Rehab Center in Butte, Montana. She was born in Rexburg, Idaho Tuesday, August 31, 1926, the first of eleven children to Moses A. and Ester (Underwood) Barney. She attended schools in Rexburg, graduated from Madison County High School in 1944 and worked at Rexburg Food Store while in high school. Following high school, she attended telegraph school and worked for the Union Pacific Railroad for one and a half years as a telegraph operator.

Letha moved to Anaconda in 1946 and it was there she met Henry Morrow Dawson. She worked at Safeway until it was destroyed by fire then worked in the local hospital. She then went to Montana State College (MSU) where she graduated from nursing school in 1950.

She and Henry were married in Rexburg, Idaho on August 17, 1950 and they worked together at Warm Spring State Hospital until she retired in 1980. During her career she received a psychiatric achievement award and was appointed by Governor Aronson to serve a five-year term on the Montana State Board of Nursing.

Letha enjoyed traveling and craftwork, bowling, reading and spending as much time as possible with her children and grandchildren.

Henry passed away March 28, 1996. Besides her husband, Letha is preceded in death by all but one of her siblings, her daughters, Kaylene McKay who passed away December 11, 2014 and Karol Beale who passed away

September 7, 2020. Survivors include her son Keith Dawson of Anaconda, son-in-law, Richard McKay of Lewistown, three grandsons, Austin (Char) McKay, Dustin (Arley) McKay and Chad Beale and her sister, June Gould. Graveside funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 11 am in Sunset Memorial Park, 16 miles west of Butte.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

16 miles west of Butte
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Graveside Funeral Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM (MT)

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