



Ruth Nicholas

July 8, 1926 - May 17, 2017

Ruth was born to Harry Ray Vining and Kathryn Alpharetta Elliot on July 8, 1926, at the family home on their farm at Norwood, Missouri.

On May 14, 1945, she married Billy Richardson. From this union was born four children, Patricia, Janet, Glenn and Linda. Bill passed away on Aug. 27, 1977. She moved to Butte, Montana in 1978, met and married Glenn Nicholas Sept. 9, 1981. Glenn passed away in the spring of 2014.

Mom was the sixth child in a family of seven children. Her parents called her "Bubby" because she always moved too fast and was bumping into things. She ran everywhere in the Missouri hills and she like to see how fast she could run from one place to the next. She often talked of how she enjoyed riding the family horses but complained about having to chase the family goats. She had the same energy in Montana. A nice hike to a high mountain lake with Ruth would inevitably include hiking to the other side of the lake and back.

No one ever loved Montana more than Ruth. She loved the mountains and streams, the high mountain lakes and the bear grass in the spring, just like the song "Montana Melody". She loved having a house full of family and friends, and settling everyone on the back deck for a long visit.

Skiing with her grandchildren, making pickles and warm quilts for family members were also a few of her favorite things. Fall hunting season was the highlight of the year for Ruth. She and husband Glenn would set up and stay in the family hunting camp for weeks at a time each fall. You might find her

miles in the back country riding her horse "Rex" and leading two other horses back to camp after dropping off hunters.

Ruth is survived by an older sister, Francis of Branson, Missouri; her daughters, Janet Osterholt and Linda Howard and son Glenn Richardson; and eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Our heartfelt thanks to the staff of The Springs assisted living for providing mom with outstanding care and quality of life during the last two years.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **24**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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