



Violet Murial Smail

September 16, 1930 - September 14, 2022

Violet Muriel Nelson Smail passed away on Wednesday September 14, 2022, of cancer 2 days before her 92nd Birthday. She was born on September 16, 1930 at home in Judith Basin County, Montana to Walter Nelson and Nora Irene Harrington Nelson, the 4th of 8 children. She graduated Valedictorian of Stanford High School in 1948. On October 27, 1948, she married Ivan William Smail and they lived in the Denton - Stanford area until 1952 when they moved to Alder with Ivan's brother Keith and purchased a gasoline station which they later added a grocery store and moved the Post Office across the street when Ivan became the Postmaster.

Violet worked at the Madison County Treasurer's Office and started her career at the Forest Service working in Dillon Ennis, and Bozeman, then in 1981 she transferred to Trout Creek when Ivan became the Postmaster of Noxon. She retired in 1987 and they moved to Big Fork. In 1996 they moved to Prescott Valley, AZ. They later moved to Lewistown and then to Great Falls. In 2013 she moved to the Springs in Butte to be closer to family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, stepfather Aanon Leland, husband Ivan, brothers Art Nelson and Arnold (Bud) Nelson, sisters, Audrey Smail (Ollie), Louise Dubois/Arps (Jerry Dubois & Dewey Arps), and Betty Sandmeyer (Maurice). Daughter Joan A. Kelly, son in laws Del Sutheimer and Jack "Carrots" Goody. She is survived by sisters, Viola Ahl and Loretta Selva, both of California, daughters Carolyn Goody, Butte and Sheila Sutheimer of Idaho, grandchildren, Frank Kelly, Audi Kreager, Cole Sutheimer. Great

grandchildren Meggan Kelly, Sunny Sundberg and Althea Sundberg.
Violet will be cremated and there will be no services. Memorials can be sent to
your favorite charties.