

REMEMBERING
Beatrice Betty Reay

October 31, 1921 - February 14, 2011



Beatrice (Betty) Reay passed away on February 14, 2011 at McKinney Place in Oliver BC.

Betty was born on October 31, 1921 in Jaffray, BC. She was the seventh child in a family of ten children. Her childhood was spent on the family farm in Sandcreek, south of Jaffray. Betty met Dale Reay, whose family owned a neighbouring farm. They were married in March 1945. They continued to live in Sandcreek until forced to relocate due to the building of the Libby Dam. Their farm was to become part of the Libby pondage, which extended into Canada and is known as Lake Koocanusa.

They then purchased a ranch in Princeton BC in 1970. They ranched there until August 15, 1978 when they moved to Oliver. This was to be Mom's home for the rest of her life.

She loved her garden, flowers, chickens, and the dogs. She made many friends in Oliver and looked forward to visits from them.

Mom was predeceased by her husband Dale, her parents, three sisters and four brothers. She is survived by her children Faye Totten of Jaffray BC, Mae (Dennis) Dilts of Newgate BC, and George (Laura) Reay of Oliver BC; by her sister Rita (Charlie) Gillespie of Grand Prairie AB, her brother Ernie (Marlene) Desrosiers of Jaffray BC; by fourteen grandchildren, twenty-eight great-grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter; and by three sisters-in-law Ellen Reay of Jaffray BC, Margaret Reay of Altonah, UT, and Madeline Desrosiers of Cranbrook, BC and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Saturday February 19, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at Nunes-Pottinger Funeral Chapel. A graveside committal at the Oliver Municipal Cemetery preceded the service.

Condolences & tributes may be directed to the family by visiting

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Arrangements entrusted to Nunes-Pottinger Funeral & Crematorium.

