

Thelma Patricia Hopstad Dostert



NAME: Thelma Patricia Hopstad Dostert Age: 92

DATELINE: Nashua, Montana

DATE OF DEATH: Monday, June 16, 2014

PLACE OF DEATH: Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow, Montana

VIGIL VISITATION: Thursday, June 19, 2014, 4 - 7p.m. at Bell Chapel in Glasgow, Montana

SERVICE: Friday, June 20, 2014, 11a.m. at Queen of Angels Catholic Church

in Nashua, Montana

INTERMENT: Nashua Cemetery in Nashua, Montana

MORTUARY IN CHARGE: Bell Mortuary in Glasgow, MT

Thelma Dostert of Nashua passed away at the Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow on June 16th, 2014 at the age of 92.

Born on December 2nd, 1921 to Norwegian immigrants Peter and Petra (Brendhaugen) Hopstad, she lived at their homestead farm in the Badger Community north of Glasgow with her seven brothers and sisters. She attended the Badger School and was a member of the Highline Lutheran Church. The family later moved in to Glasgow, and she graduated from Glasgow High School in 1939.

After graduation, she worked at the Glasgow Flower Shop. Thelma met the "love of her life", Vernon Dostert, at the Cherry Creek Dance Hall, and they were married on November 10th, 1941 at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Glasgow. They moved to Oakland, California where Vernon was employed at a shipyard. A few years later they settled in Nashua, and Vernon bought Vick's Bar & Café. In 1958, they opened Vick's Lanes. Thelma and Vernon worked many years in the businesses together, and retired in 1988 after selling Vick's Lanes to their son Van.

Thelma was a member of the Queen of Angels Catholic Church altar society and served several years as its president. She enjoyed many years of attending her children and grandchildren's educational, sporting, and cultural events. Her hobbies included antique restoration and estate sales, gardening, reading, bridge club, board games and bowling. She loved boating and spending time at her cabin at Fort Peck Lake, as well as frequent traveling to see her family. Her quiet time was spent reading and viewing public television programming. Thelma was a keen decorator, wallpaper hanger, savvy shopper, and stylish dresser. Her baking, cooking, and entertaining skills were admired. She followed politics and world events, and encouraged lively dialog and discussions.

She is survived by her children: Bonnie (Herb) Kimball of Polson; Van (Linda) Dostert of Fort Peck; Paul Dostert of Southworth, Washington; and Jill (Doug) Hill of Sidney. Grandchildren: Lance (Maede) Miller of Conrow, Texas; Erin (Jordan) Hogland of Billings; Vance Dostert and fiancé CoreyAnne Russell of Vancouver, Washington; Victoria and Tessa Hill of Sidney. Great Grandchildren: Cohen and Ally Lee Hoaglund of Billings.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Dostert in 1994; all her siblings and their spouses: Harold (Agnes) Hopstad, Herman (Beatrice) Hopstad, Helen (Francis) Ellingson, Ruby (Guy) Marks, Margaret (Alan) Rorvik, Ruth (James) VanKoten, and Norman (Doris) Hopstad.