Mary was born Oct. 26, 1920 at the Ruffatto homestead, south of Brockton in the Charley Creek community, the oldest daughter of Steve and Giovanna (Rolando) Ruffatto. Born at home, sickly and turning blue, her Grandma Maria Ruffatto gave Mary a teaspoon of whiskey which Mary claimed saved her life. She enjoyed a taste of whiskey from that day on. Mary graduated from Brockton High School in 1940 and married George Fisher on June 6, 1942 where they farmed and ranched in the Brockton area until George’s death in 1967. Their three sons were the apple of her eye. Mary later married Harold Tolksdorf. They farmed together for 32 years before his death in 2004. She then made her home in Sidney until unexpectedly passing away on December 15, 2011.

During her life Mary served on the Armstrong School Board, was a 4-H leader, worked for the census bureau, was an active member of St. Bernard’s Catholic Church and Altar Society; loved attending Mona Homemakers and diligently supported the Right To Life.

There were very few idle moments in Mary’s life of 91 years. Her time was spent making quilts, embroidering, knitting caps, mittens and other crafts for family, friends and charities. She prayed the Rosary daily before calling her family and friends to talk about the weather and check on their well-being. The food she prepared for occasions large and small was a way of life for Mary. Her magic cinnamon rolls were medicine for the heart and soul. If she wasn’t inside, Mary was outside doing yard and garden work and assisting on the farm.

Mary is survived by: her sister, Lucy Sheehan of Choteau; sisters-in-laws, Audrey Ruffatto and Marguerite Ruffatto of Sidney; sons, Michael (Marlene) of Charley Creek and Jerry (Linda) of Billings and her daughter-in-law, Cherie Fisher of Bainville; her grandchildren and great grandchildren, of whom she was most proud, include Michelle (Duane), Missy (Bruce), Darin Fisher and Lynette (Jason) Stump; Zachary (Kara), Emily and Eric (BreAnna) Fisher; great grandchildren, D.J., Emily, Cody, Mitchell, Kyanna, Gabriel, Lily, Samantha and Tyrell; and many nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by: her husbands, George Fisher and Harold Tolksdorf; her brothers, Pete and John Ruffatto; her son, Daniel Fisher; and her granddaughter, Gina Marie Fisher.

Thank you, Mary; Mom; Grammie; Grandma-Great for making our days brighter with your love. May the Lord be with you.
The Servant's Reward

One day, when you are in Heaven, someone will come up to you and thank you for the way you touched their life with hope and encouragement. The person’s words will take you by surprise. Soon another person will seek you out, and then another, and another.

As you listen to each one’s story, you will begin to discover all the ways that God used your life when you were completely unaware of it. You will find that it was not only through the big things you did, but also through the small things—through a spoken word that was not planned, a spontaneous act of kindness, a loving attitude, or a simple prayer of concern.

To your joy, you will discover that in all these ways and more, God used you to deposit an eternal measure of His love into many needy hearts.

Roy Lessin

Mary L. Fisher Tolksdorf

Born
October 26, 1920
Brockton, Montana

Died
December 15, 2011
Sidney, Montana

Mass of the Christian Burial
10:00 A.M.
Wednesday, December 21, 2011
St. Bernard’s Catholic Church
Charley Creek, Montana

Celebrant
Father Ned Shinnick             Father Jim O’Neil

Music
Rita Rauschendorfer           Gary Rauschendorfer

Casketbearers
Missy Fisher         Michelle Fisher
Darin Fisher      Lynette Stump       Zach Fisher
Emily Fisher                  Eric Fisher

Ushers
Jim Steppler                Don Steppler

Interment
St. Bernard’s Catholic Cemetery
Charley Creek, Montana

Lunch will be served at the church following the services

You may share your remembrances and condolences with the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website www.fulkersons.com