

Ruth Lorene Baye was born June 7, 1908 to Herbert and Jettie (Dewhirst) Jenner at the Box Spring Ranch, near Arnegard, North Dakota. She grew up on the ranch and in the badlands of North Dakota until her parents stopped ranching and moved the family to California.

On June 22, 1926 Ruth married Ben Baye in Sidney, Montana. Bill and Ruby Thompson served as their witnesses. To this union five children were born, Betty, Bennie, Joyce, Marlene and Darlene. They lived on the Long X Ranch Park House and log cabin until Ben passed away on June 10, 1963. Ruth continued to run the ranch for a few years and raised her quarter horses until the 1970's.

Ruth worked at the Good Shepherd Home in Watford City as a cook. She loved the Badlands where she grew up and instilled this in all of her grandchildren. For many years after moving to town, Ruth would still spend the summer months at the Little Missouri River in the cabin and later in her trailer.

She broke her hip in her early 90's and could no longer care for herself. In 2003 Ruth entered the Good Shepherd Home and remained there until she passed on March 31, 2012.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ben; her children, Betty Lange, Bennie Baye, Joyce Baye, Marlene Bichey and Darlene Lucas; grandchildren, Ben Baye III (Shorty), Mark McDowell, Barbie Baye Welnel and Michael Lucas.

Ruth is survived by son-in-law, Howard Lange; and grandchildren, Montie (Linda) McDowell, Kimberly Botch, Rocky (Judy) Baye, Kathy (Jake) Wyman, Tori (Tim) Dwyer, Bennie (Beth) Lange, Benji (Jeff) Showers, Howdie (JoAnn) Lange, and Jaimie (Shane) Johnson; and 43 great-grandchildren and 17 great great-grandchildren.

In Memory Of Ruth Baye



June 7, 1908 ~ March 31, 2012



Cowgirl Life

*I've met my special cowboy,
and he was a real top hand.
I saw a million cattle,
and read a lot o' brands.
I've seen some hard old winters,
when nearly all the cattle died.
I've rode some cutting horses that could
turn right out their hides.
I ate my share o' beefsteak,
and drunk some stiff coffee, too.
And did a little dancin',
with nothin' else to do.
Been bucked off old outlaws that I
couldn't start to ride.
An' saw some fine old buddies
go over the Great Divide.
With friends and family now
I'm making my last stand.
An' hoping to be horseback
when I reach the Promised Land.*

Author Unknown

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Date And Place Of Birth

June 7, 1908

Box Spring Ranch

Rural Arnegard, North Dakota

Date And Place of Death

March 31 2012

Watford City, North Dakota

Funeral Service

10:00 AM, Saturday, April 7, 2012

First Presbyterian Church

Watford City, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor

Casketbearers

Kathy Wyman

Bennie Lange

Howard Lange

Tori Dwyer

Benji Showers

Jaimie Johnson

Rocky Baye

Montie McDowell

Kim Botch

Interment

Schafer Cemetery

Watford City, North Dakota

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