Martha was taken into her Lord's waiting arms on Monday, April 9th, 2012 at the Sidney Extended Care. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving son and daughter and a choir of angels from Extended Care.

Martha Marie was born the youngest of six sisters and two brothers on June 15th, 1926 to parents Conrad and Annie Butt in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. While attending school in Canada, Martha mastered the art of writing with both hands; as it was the practice that all school children in Canada were to be right handed. However, Martha was a naturally left handed child and all of her writing with her right hand was backwards and had to be held up to a mirror to be read by the teacher. The words were backwards yes; but still perfect to a tee. After completing her education, Martha's first job was at Great West Saddlery in Winnipeg, sewing cuffs on Army shirts for the troops. She was paid by the number of shirts completed and soon earned enough money to purchase her first bike. Martha loved spending free time at Winnipeg Beach and attending local dances. Shortly after the end of the war, Martha met the love of her life, Herman Badt, a handsome young American serviceman fresh out of the Navy. They were united in marriage at Zion Lutheran church in Winnipeg on September 14, 1946. After a short honeymoon, the newly married couple found themselves at the border where Herman had to pay $8.00 to get his new bride into the United States. Money well spent, wouldn't you agree?

Herman and Martha made their first home south of Sidney, where Herman worked on his brother's farm and before she knew it; Martha became a farmer's wife. The opportunity then arose for the young couple to venture into farming themselves and they began renting a farmstead owned by Nels Bach. Today this farmstead is the location of the Sidney Health Center facility, so one could say that Martha took a trip and never left the farm! On the date of Herman's 25th birthday, December 30th, 1951, they were blessed with the birth of their son, Donald Dean. In 1956, the young family moved to farming operation in Crane, Montana where on February 3rd, 1957 they were thrilled to welcome a second child, their daughter Sandra Jean. Over the years, in addition to her duties as a farmer's wife and mother, Martha found the time to work as a clerk for both Quillings Market and JCPenney and a kitchen assistant for the Sidney school system. Martha's many hobbies including knitting, crocheting, gardening, canning and baking; many of these interests and hobbies were passed down to her daughter and granddaughters.

Martha proudly became a U.S. citizen on September 17th, 1976 and after many years of hard work on the farm, Herman and Martha were able to take some well earned vacation time together; including trips to Washington State, Martha's beloved Winnipeg and excursions to Las Vegas with friends during which many cherished memories were made. Herman and Martha continued to live and farm south of Sidney until Herman's retirement in 1986 at which time, they moved to their home in Sidney for twelve years. Martha so enjoyed the friendship of her neighbors and the many visits from family, especially her granddaughters who would stop by and share their daily stories and always have some of Grandma's homemade treats. After Herman's passing in 1999, Martha moved to Crestwood Inn where she formed many new friendships and soon became somewhat of the resident mom to all. She later moved to Extended Care and made the most of her life there by always being ready for a good game of blackout bingo or craft project or simply sharing stories with her new found friends and family.

She is survived by: her loving son, Don (Barb) Badt, Sidney, MT; her loving daughter, Sandy (Kim) Rehbein, Sidney, MT; four very special and truly blessed granddaughters: Kristin (Jason) Winder, Belt, MT, Lynette (Chris) Clark, Billings, MT, Stacey (Justin) Collins, Sidney, MT, Lisa (Tyler) Bahm, Burlington, ND; her cherished great grandchildren, Meaghan and Lauren Winder, Belt, MT, Reagan and Jackson Clark, Billings, MT, Brady Collins, Sidney, MT and Harper Mae Bahm who will arrive later this year; a sister-in-law, Ann Christianson, Omaha, NE; a brother-in-law, Henry (Erma) Badt, Hamilton, MT; several nieces and nephews. Mom, may the Lord bless and keep you in his loving and comforting arms and may he continue to guide, protect and bless your family today and always. Rest in heavenly peace! Reply Forward

Martha was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband of 52 years, Herman, her sisters: Anne, Pauline, Mollie, Millie and Rosie and brothers: David and Conrad and several brother and sister-in-laws.
Martha Marie Badt

Born
June 15, 1926
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Died
April 9, 2012
Sidney, Montana

Funeral Services
2:00 P.M., Monday, April 16, 2012
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
Sidney, Montana

Officiating
Pastor David Huskamp

Casketbearers
Don Badt        Kim Rehbein       Jason Winder
Chris Clark      Justin Collins     Tyler Bahm

Honorary Casketbearers
Kristin Winder   Stacey Collins    Lynette Clark
Lisa Bahm        Meaghan Winder    Lauren Winder
Reagan Clark     Brady Collins     Jackson Clark

Ushers
Bob Badt          Tom Scheetz

Interment
Sidney Cemetery
Sidney, Montana

Lunch will be served in the church fellowship hall following graveside services
You may share your remembrances and condolences with the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website www.fulkersons.com

Grieve not ... nor speak of me with tears ... but laugh and talk of me ... as though I were beside you. I loved you so ... ‘twas Heaven here with you.