Emma Bonner was born in Sidney, MT August 16, 1923 to Henry and Katherine (Gable) Scheetz. She attended Hardy School and various other grade schools in the area and attended Sidney High School.

On September 26, 1942, Emma was united in marriage to Donald Bonner in Alexander, ND. To this union three children were born; Corina, Georgene and Donnie. She lived her entire life in Sidney except for one year in Tacoma, WA and for 9 months at Laurel Health and Rehabilitation in Laurel, MT.

Emma's work history began at a young age working with her family in local beet fields. At the age of 17 she became a nanny in Bozeman, MT and returned to Sidney after one year. Upon returning from Bozeman, she and her sister Esther worked as waitresses in local cafes. She also was cocktail waitress at the Lone Tree Nightclub and the Triangle Nightclub.

Emma enjoyed hobbies of crocheting doilies and tablecloths which was taught to her by her mother. Other hobbies she enjoyed were ceramics, sewing, decorating her home and baking angel food cakes from "SCRATCH"! She loved music and taught herself to play the guitar, organ and accordion. Playing the organ became her favorite pastime in her later years. She served as president of the local V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary.

Emma always said she was happiest surrounded by family and friends no matter the occasion. Emma passed away in the early morning hours of September 14, 2012 at the Billings Clinic in Billings, MT. The family would like to thank all the caregivers in Sidney, Billings, and Laurel that took such wonderful care of her through all the years.

Surviving Emma are: her children, Corina (Maynard) Segmiller, Laurel, MT, Georgene Owens, Sidney, MT, and Donnie (Kayrene) Bonner, Williston, ND; sister, Alice Kolstad, Billings, MT; grand-children, Don and Verona Petrik, Kayla Gjerde, Corina Thompson, Mike Siring, Vickie Green, and Angela McKay and their spouses; fourteen great grandchildren; and one great grandchild with two on the way.

Emma is preceded in death by: her husband, Don; her grand-daughter, Dawn Marie Bonner; sons-in-law, Morris Petrik and Bill Owens; brothers Willie, Elmer, Clarence, and Robert Scheetz; and her sister, Esther Bonner.

# In Loving Memory Of



Emma Bonner

When tomorrow starts without me. and I am not there to see: *If the sun should rise and find your eyes* filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today. While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, And each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me, too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try and understand, That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand, And said my place was ready in heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me' I'm right here in your heart.

# Emma Bonner

August 16, 1923 ~ September 14, 2012

## **Funeral Service**

10:00 A.M., Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Ebenezer Congregational Church

Sidney, Montana

# **Officiating**

Pastor David Meehan

#### Music

Sally Borg

Don Josephson

Roberto Holloway

### Casketbearers

Mike Siring

Justin Siring

Donnie Bonner Scott Miller

Don Kolstad

## **Honorary Casketbearers**

Don Petrik

Craig Kolstad

#### Usher

Clint McKay

## Interment

Sidney Cemetery Sidney, Montana

Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following the graveside services

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