

In Loving Memory Of

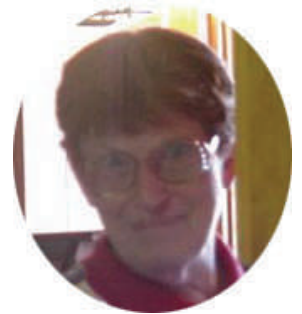
Mary was born on December 25, 1922, Bismarck, ND the daughter of Charles and Mary Ellen (Buckley) O'Connor. Mary was the oldest of her seventeen cousins. She grew up and started school in the Sioux Pass Community, MT. She graduated from Culbertson High School and then attended the University of Minnesota where she received her degree in Social Services. Following graduation Mary returned to Sidney where she worked in Social Services. Mary was united in marriage to Edwin "Ed" Brown Hardy, on November 27, 1950, in Culbertson, MT. After the marriage they lived on a farm south of Sidney and continued to operate the Hardy Dairy. They sold the farm and her husband operated an appliance and refrigeration business in Sidney until 1983 when he retired. Mary started working for Sears in the early 60's and worked her way up to being the manager of Sears before retiring in the early 80's. They moved into Sidney in 1969. Following their retirement they traveled in their motor home all across the United States taking photographs as they went. They shared them in numerous presentations around the area. Mary's husband, Ed, died in 1987 and she remained here ever since. Mary started quilting after Ed's death and started her business, Quilts by Mary. In November of 1998, she started her home based fabric business, The Fabric Attic, which sold fabric world-wide for the past 10 years with her daughter-in-law, Rita Hardy.

Mary was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Sidney. She was heavily involved in the church and with adoration. She and Ed were members of the Photography Club and won many awards for their photos. She became an avid quilter, making "biscuit quilts". Mary had an outstanding garden every year. With a church group, Mary went to China and was there during the Tiananmen Square Revolt and for their safety, had to be ferried out during the early morning hours. She also traveled to every event that her grandchildren were involved in, as long as her health would allow. Mary enjoyed keeping her brag board updated with all of her grandchildren's accomplishments. She was also active and involved in the community until her death.

Mary died at her home in Sidney on Thursday evening, November 20, 2008.

Surviving her are: her son, Mark (Rita) Hardy, Wolf Point, MT; her three grandchildren, Quinn (Amanda) Hardy, Billings, MT, Megan Hardy, Wolf Point, MT, and Vanessa Hardy, Billings, MT; her three brothers, Charles (Doris) O'Connor, Yakima, WA, Tom O'Connor, New Mexico, and Jerry (May Belle) O'Connor, Wisconsin; her two sisters, Kathleen Hagan, Williston, ND and Helen Manaras, Havre, MT.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Ed and a infant son.



Mary A. Hardy
1923 — 2008



An Irish Blessing
May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always
at your back. May the sun
shine warm upon your face,
the rain fall soft upon your
fields, and until we meet
again, may God hold you in
the palm of His hand.

Mary A. Hardy

December 25, 1923 — November 20, 2008

Mass of the Christian Burial

10:00 A.M., Friday, November 28, 2008

St. Matthew's Catholic Church

Sidney, Montana

Presiders

Fr. Greg Staudinger

Fr. Ned Shinnick

Reader

Margaret Seitz

Music

Gary Rauschendorfer Robyn Heck

Casketbearers and Ushers

Hugh Hutton John Mercer Elaine Hutton

Kylen Welnel Pam Taylor Rachel Bloesser

Rocky Taylor Garvin Leintz

Honorary Casketbearers

Mary Mercer Georgia Petersen

Lorna Petersen

Interment

Sidney Cemetery Sidney, MT

**Lunch will be served at the parish
center following the graveside services**

*You may share your remembrances and condolences with
the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website*

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