

Hazel was born December 31, 1916, in Schenectady, NY, to parents Richard and Gertrude (Wilson) Brown. In April 1917, along with her parents and older brother William, she left New York traveling by the Canadian-Pacific Railway and traveled to Montana to live on her uncle's homestead in Richland County, MT. While living on the farm, she attended country school in Elm Coulee and later in Savage, MT. Hazel worked as a cook for threshing crews and various families in the area and also worked as a waitress. On September 28, 1935, she married the true love of her life, Martin Wersland in Glendive, MT. They lived and worked in the homestead area until 1938 when they moved to a farm near Sidney. During World War II they moved to Vancouver, WA, where they remained for a year before returning to the Sidney area to live. They spent 12 years farming and ranching in Buford, ND, where Hazel worked for a time as the school clerk and as the school cook at the Buford School. In 1958 they moved back to the Sidney area for good. After moving back to Sidney she worked as a receptionist but mainly worked at home taking care of all of her family. In 1992, after the death of her precious husband, Hazel moved to an apartment in Sidney where she lived by herself for the past 17 years.

Hazel was a member of the Pella Lutheran Church, the Son's of Norway #489 and the Sidney Moose Lodge. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, sewing, crocheting, knitting, making pound puppies, and fishing. She enjoyed being able to help others and her greatest love was her family and family gatherings. No one was allowed to leave Grandma Hazel's without taking some wonderful homemade goodies away with them. There will never be a proper substitute for "Grandma Hazel Buns" overnight buns, or raisin caramel pie! Hazel was one of those rare beautiful people who lived to give of her love and energy and asked nothing in return. Our world will never be as bright or as kind since Hazel has left us.

Hazel died Monday morning, October 26, 2009, at the Sidney Healthcare Extended Care facility with her family by her side.

Hazel is survived by her two sons: Harold (Betty) Wersland, Selfridge, ND and Kenny (Debbie) Wersland, Sidney, MT; three daughters, Helen Hill, Havre, MT, Shirley (Gene) Messer, Round Up, MT, and Connie (Harley) Johnson, Minot, ND; a brother, Robert B. Brown, Sidney, MT; a sister, Helen (George) Brynjulson, Coeur d'Alene, ID; three sister in laws, Helen (Ed) Martin, Miles City, MT, Dorrit Wersland, Norway, and Margaret Wersland, Norway; 12 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren; numerous nephews and nieces; and a very special friend, Ray Gaffield, Sidney, MT.

Hazel was preceded in death by: her parents; Martin, her beloved husband of 56 years; brothers, William and Hugh Brown; and son-in-law, Walter A. Hill.

In Loving Memory Of



Hazel Wersland

The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He
restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea,
though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou
art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in
the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest
my head with oil; My cup runneth over, Surely
goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, and I will dwell in the House
of the Lord forever. . .*

Hazel Margueret Wersland

Born

*December 31, 1916
Schenectady, New York*

Died

*October 26, 2009
Sidney, Montana*

Memorial Service

*10:00 A.M., Saturday, November 7, 2009
Pella Lutheran Church
Sidney, Montana*

Officiating

Pastor George Karres

Music

Doris Norby Robyn Heck

Honorary Casketbearers

*All of Hazel's grandchildren, great grandchildren,
and great-great grandchildren*

Ushers

Gene Messer Harley Johnson

Interment of Remains

*Sidney Cemetery
Sidney, Montana*

**Lunch will be served at the church
following the graveside services**

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