

N. Jean was born on January 12, 1923, in Beach, ND, the second of six children born to Dennison "Denny" and Arva "Toots" (Gilmore) Morris. She was raised on a farm near Wibaux, MT. Jean attended a one room school, skipped the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and consistently won the county spelling bees. She graduated from Wibaux High School in 1940. Instead of following her original plan to go to Iowa State University to study home economics, she studied at the new junior college nearby, Dawson County Junior College in Glendive, MT. Her favorite class was organic chemistry and she also gained a deep appreciation of the wisdom of Shakespeare. There she met a persistent suitor, Bob St. Cyr, also a student at the junior college. After informing only her father, she and Bob eloped to Plentywood, MT where they were married on June 12, 1942.

While Bob was serving in England during World War II, Jean gave birth to her first child, Bobby, in 1943. During this time she lived with her parents and visited her in-laws in Glendive. Upon his return, she and Bob lived in Wibaux where he was employed at the Golden West Electric Cooperative. In 1947, their second child, Beverly, was born. In 1950, Bob and Jean moved to Sidney, MT, where he worked for the Lower Yellowstone REA and their third child, Lynn, was born. Their fourth child, Bruce, was born in 1953.

A tragic gun accident claimed the life of their first son, Bobby, June 28, 1960. He had been an outstanding Sidney athlete, and during his high school sports years, Jean became a die-hard Sidney Eagle fan and remained so for the rest of her life. After her husband Bob died on July 31, 1970, Jean worked at the Sidney Soil Conservation Service where she was the indispensable district clerk. She enjoyed her years at the SCS office working in agriculture.

During her years in Sidney, she was a 50 year member of the Lonsdale Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star and was a 30 year member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW.

Jean moved to Helena in May, 2008, residing in the Rosetta Assisted Living facility until her death.

Jean made friends wherever she went. She had a gentle soul, a joyful heart, and an engaging laugh. She loved to have a good time, was a Beauty Counselor consultant and was always interested in others. She was a great cook, seamstress, and one of the best contract bridge players in Sidney. She loved to watch sunsets on the ocean and in 2007 during her visit to England she placed a wreath on the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Army Memorial at Honington AFB for Bob's service during WWII.

Jean died peacefully in her sleep Wednesday morning, September 30, 2009, at the Rosetta Assisted Living in Helena, MT.

Jean is survived by her children, Bev (Steve) Kaul, Helena, MT, Lynn (Steve) Sherick, Polson, MT and Longmont, CO, Bruce St. Cyr, Sidney, MT; two grandchildren, Dr. Steve (Alisa) Sherick, Denver, CO and Bequia Sherick, Berkeley, CA; her sister, Shirlee Morris, Billings, MT, brothers Bob (Ruby) Morris, Billings, MT and Rich (Tina) Morris, Menlo Park, CA; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, her son, Bobby; parents; infant brother, Dennison, Jr.; sister, Margaret (Chet) Fanning.

*"Together Forever"*



*in God's Hands*

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
O yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief,  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee-  
God wanted me now: He set me free...*

*Author Unknown*

## **N. Jean St. Cyr**

*January 12, 1923 ~ September 30, 2009*

### **Funeral Service**

*10:00 A.M.*

*Monday, October 12, 2009*

*Lonsdale United Methodist Church  
Sidney, Montana*

### **Officiating**

*Pastor Gene Erickson*

### **Music**

*Elaine Stedman    Lori Utter*

### **Casketbearers**

*Stephen M. Sherick    Stephen V. Sherick    Steve Kaul  
Dennis Fanning    Ron Fanning    David Fanning*

### **Honorary Casketbearers**

*All of Jean's family and friends*

### **Ushers**

*Paul Johnson    John Redman*

### **Honors**

*VFW Ladies Auxiliary*

### **Interment**

*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](http://www.fulkersons.com)*