

My Dear Mother

*Dear Mother, when I think of you
I think of all things good and true,
Of trees and lanes and babbling brooks,
Of mountains, hills and shady nooks.*

*I think of flowers of every hue,
Of roses kissed by morning dew,
Of violets blue and daisies bright,
I think of cloudless skies of blue,
And, Mother dear, because of you,
I think of robins in the spring
And of the joyous songs they sing.*

*I think of fields of golden grain,
And of the soft refreshing rain.
I think of honeybees in clover
And of God's sunshine bubbling over.*

*I think of children's happy faces,
Of grand old ladies in their laces,
Of all men, noble, brave and true,
Because of Mothers just like you.*



*Celebrating The Life Of
Vada Lee Dalton*

GRAVESIDE SERVICES

Friday, April 9, 2021
2:00 pm
Sheridan Municipal Cemetery

OFFICIATING
Pastor Tri Robinson

LUNCHEON RECEPTION
Dayton Park



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have
everlasting life.

John 3:16 (KJV)

In Loving Memory Of *Vada Dalton*

Vada Lee (Elder) Dalton, 84, of Ranchester, went to her eternal home on March 30, 2021. Vada was born July 29, 1936 in Sheridan, Wyoming to George Ray and Carrie Wilmoth Elder. She was raised with two older siblings, Belva (sister), and Alexander Bethel (brother) on the family ranch near Decker, MT. She laughingly joked that she was a big mistake in the middle of the Great Depression. After graduating from Sheridan High School in 1954, she moved to Ottumwa, Iowa, where she met and married the great love of her life, Robert B. Dalton. They had three children: Dolores "Anne", Lynn, and David. Bob's job as an air traffic controller took them to several locations around the country in their earlier years. The family moved back to the Sheridan area in 1973 and split their time between Sheridan and the Decker family ranch. Vada said on many occasions that she loved the Sheridan area, called it her home, and always came back here.

Vada loved sewing, embroidery, gardening, canning, and going for long country drives. She especially loved playing cards with her friends and anyone who would play. She was a cribbage whiz! She found delight in reading, puzzle books, and had an attachment to her "putt-putt". She enjoyed having any kind of adventure! Last spring, she even found a 5-leaf clover! Vada was known far and wide for her infectious smile, humor and her delicious cookies that she shared with everyone. Vada's great capacity of love for her family was always her priority. She shared unconditional love with the sons of her heart, Pancho Martinez, Paul Hawkins, Chris Deutsch, and Pete Cherni, as well as many heart-felt women in her life, Becky Smith, Robin Ruff, Merle Koch, Carole Petty, Cathy Cooley, Ashley Bocek, Tiara Stewart-Fighter and Heather Heiling-Ernst.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister (Belva Elder-Koos), brother (Alexander Bethel "Bud"). She is survived by her children, Anne Dalton of Missoula, MT., David (Teresa) Dalton of Sheridan, Lynn (Brett) Tippetts of Shell, WY and Francisco "Pancho" (Becky) Martinez of Parkman, WY.

Vada is also survived by 7 grandchildren; Francisco "Paco" Pena, Elena (Dakota) VanDerVliet, Dylan (Bailee) Dalton, Clayton (Taylor Gourley), Lacy (Dustin) Danielson, Nikki Tippetts, Tanner (Lorianne) Tippetts and 9 great grandchildren; Kiera Gustafson, Benicio Mamola, Ella and Emma VanDerVliet, Kacey Dalton, Aurora Pena, Tatum Tippetts-Waits, Maddy Danielson, and Jackson Danielson. Also, her nephew, Mike Koos of Mollala, Oregon and grand-nephew, Paul (Erika) of Redmond, Oregon.



July 29, 1936 ~ March 30, 2021