Obituary

Died: Wednesday, April 18, 2012


STEVENSVILLE - Our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Maria Jesusita 'Jessie' Wright, donned her eternal dancing shoes. She peacefully passed away at her home in Stevensville. She was the youngest of six children born to Luis and Dalida Silva in Carthage, N.M.

Jessie moved to Missoula with her sister Alva in 1928 and then to Stevensville where Jessie attended Stevensville High School and subsequently met and married her husband Charles 'Pete' Wright on May 29, 1931.

Jessie and Pete became widely known for their love of dancing throughout the Bitterroot Valley. Jessie was also active in the Rebecca Lodge for a number of years, volunteering countless hours working on projects at the school and as a member of St. Mary's Church. Additionally, Jessie was well known for her baking skills and was known to take home the occasional prize for her bread entries at the Ravalli County Fair.

Jessie loved her family and was blessed with and very proud of her five children, Donna, Dolores, Don, Charles 'Chuck' and Dan; and her seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She enjoyed spending time with her family - visiting, cooking, playing games and going for rides. She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers Victor, Luis, and Patrick; sisters Cornelia and Alva; and daughter Dolores. She is survived by her daughter Donna of Burlingame, Calif.; son Don (Donna) of Visalia, Calif.; son Charles (Colleen) of Stevensville and son Daniel of Stevensville; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A vigil service will be held Monday, April 23 at St. Mary's Mission Catholic Church in Stevensville at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 24, at 11 a.m., also at the church.

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Service Summary

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