

Obituary

Died: Thursday, June 13, 2013



STEVENSVILLE - Anita Nelson passed away on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at the family home in

Stevensville from a short battle with cancer.

Anita was born in Greybull, Wyo., April 21, 1930. Her early years were spent on her grandparent's

ranch. She loved to ride horses, working the ranch dogs and the ranch lifestyle. She attended high

school in Minneapolis, Minn. She played the trumpet in the jazz band and played classical piano. She

loved to tell everyone she swam in the Mississippi River out the back door of her home.

The family moved to Kimball, Neb. in 1956. She trained horses on the ranch where they lived.

On a visit to Montana, she fell in love with the Bitterroot Valley and moved here in 1963.

Anita was a cook in three cafes in Stevensville, trained show and race horses and obedience and

herding dogs. In her later years, she loved to be on Facebook, playing Farmville and texting her family

and friends. Anita loved her visits with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was surrounded

by her loving family.

Anita was preceded in death by her parents, Morris and Lois Schwartz. Survivors include son, Ron

(Terri) Pollard and their daughters, Mandi and Shelbi of Douglas, Wyo.; daughter, Sherry (Lowell)

Smith and their children, Nathan (Amanda) Smith of Stevensville and Courtney (Marty) Julien of

Spokane, Wash.; daughter, Pam (Bill) Smith and their sons, Josh and Jeremy of Spokane, Wash.;

great-grandchildren, Koen, Carter, Maddox, Camas, Timber and Aspen.

Private services will be held at the Smith home on Sunday, June 16, 2013. The family suggests

memorials may be made in Anita's name to the Bitterroot Valley Humane Association. A special thank

you to Aspen Hospice.

Service Summary

- *Service details not available* -