



Obituary

Born: Friday, May 22, 1914

Died: Friday, November 4, 2016

Hilda (Treichel) Ochsner (Wallender) Missoula - Hilda was born on May 22, 1914 to Daniel and Mary (Hensel) Treichel in Hebron, ND. Hilda was the 6th of 12 children with 2 sisters and 3 brothers older and 2 sisters and 4 brothers younger. Hilda was a true matriarch of basically 8 generations. Her whole life was spent in the care & guidance of a very large family tree with branches that kept branching and changing growing larger than she could ever have imagined. Her love for everyone that crossed her path was apparent there was not a single person she met that did not love her back. Hilda was love. She attended school in Hebron through the 8th grade. In 1928 as a young lady she moved to Great Falls, MT and in 1930 married Jake Ochsner. She and Jake raised 4 children. Hilda and Jake loved music. Jake played the accordion and Hilda played the guitar. She was a great harmonizer and could sing with anyone. At 102 she still remembered the words to many of the songs she learned over the years. They entertained and played at dances and on the radio during the 1930s and 1940s. She taught both of her boys to play guitar. She encouraged the girls to take lessons and they learned to play the piano. She longed to learn to play the piano so she finally took piano lessons in her middle 40s along with her grandchildren and loved playing duets on the organ and the piano. She could always be found accompanying Wild Bill at all of his musical testimonials all around Montana and neighboring states and could be heard harmonizing with him as he sang. She especially enjoyed his Sunday evening sing along he had the Orchard Homes Country Life Club for several years. She loved to dance to Wild Bill's music and won trophies in her 70s competing in polkas. She could go round and round with the best of them. She danced her last polka in the Wilma building in 2003 when she said at age 89 "I think I am getting to old for this". Hilda was a very faithful Christian and read her bible and bible stories every day up until the Lord called her home. She was a dedicated long time member of the Grace United Methodist Church and in her earlier years you would find her in the kitchen, at the Western Montana Fair booth, and at the yearly ice cream socials that were a part of all of our lives. Hilda was always quiet and loved watching people, especially children laughing and playing. She used to say, "I can't learn if I don't listen". She loved being in crowds of people, whether friends or strangers. She also loved reading poetry, cooking and crafts. She was known for her blue ribbon afghans, crocheted doilies and beaded doilies. She crocheted everything from doll and children clothes to table clothes and bedspreads. She loved cooking and canning and baking all of the old family German dishes and desserts and made the best pies, rhubarb was her specialty. She ran the gas station she and Jake owned on the corner of 9th & Garfield in

Service Summary

Graveside Service

11:00 AM Wed Nov 09, 2016

Sunset Memorial Cemetery

7405 Mullan Road

Missoula,, Montana 59808

Celebration of Life

12:00 PM Wed Nov 09, 2016

Grace United Methodist Church

S. 10th W. & Garfield Streets

Missoula, Montana 59801

the late 40s. They lived in the gas station while Jake built the house on the lot next door that she drew the plans for and then lived in for over 60 years. After raising her children she worked at St. Patrick Hospital and then moved over to the St. Patrick School of Nursing during the 1960s until she retired. She loved every student she had contact with and loved her job. She moved to the Springs in an apartment for a couple of years and then moved to Village Health Care at the age 99 and was there until her passing. She was loved at the Village for her smile and enthusiastic hellos for everyone. She loved participating in all of the activities whether it was exercise, arts and crafts, musical events or even a field trip. If the bus was going somewhere she was going to be on it. She was very proud of her children and family was everything to her. She was very proud that she was the head of a 6 generation family and each time a new generation joined we reminded her she was just getting greater and greater. 3 Greats in her title to be exact. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands Jake Ochsner and Arthur Wallender, both sons Richard and William (Wild Bill) Ochsner. She was the only remaining child of the Treichel family. She sorely missed her 4 sisters and 7 brothers, Helen Hirning, Ida Hirning, Pauline Preszler, and Annie Manning, the Treichel brothers, Rudy, Adolph, Reinhold, Daniel, Benjamin, William and Robert. She is survived by 2 daughters, Evelyn Fehr, Lillian Davis and daughter-in-law Linda Ochsner, 10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, 11 great, great, grandchildren, and 2 great, great, great, grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Mike and Tre Dimmitt, Gabrielle and Jacqueline Reed, and Cory and Erica Larson. Trying to write an obituary covering 102 years is impossible. Hilda's family would like to invite all family and friends to attend the graveside service at the Sunset Memorial Gardens Wednesday November 9, 2016 at 11:00 AM to be followed with a Celebration of Life Service at the Grace United Methodist Church at 12:00 PM on the corner of 10th and Garfield with a luncheon served downstairs following the service. Please join us in the sharing of your stories, with an afternoon of family and friends. If anyone has a favorite picture of Hilda, or an old album, we would love for you to bring them to share.