

Ethel Francis Yadon was born on April 3, 1934, to James Silas and Rilla Meree (Scriver) Yadon at the Brodhead House, in Fairview, MT. She joined brothers, Rex Thompson, Ken Thompson, Nels Yadon, and Jim Yadon. She was later joined by siblings, Darlene Brodhead, Bobby Yadon, Don Yadon, Donna (Emly) Yadon, Judi (Yadon) McPheaters and Garry Yadon.

Ethel worked as a baker at the Super Valu Store in Fairview. Ethel married Leslie "Skee" Berndt, on September 16, 1972. After the marriage they made their home in Sidney where Ethel worked for the Sidney Dry Cleaners. It was hard to go anywhere in Sidney or Fairview, without seeing someone she wasn't related to or knew.

Ethel loved to be outdoors fishing with Skee or doing yardwork together. Ethel and Skee didn't travel much because "Skee would get lost going around the block". Ethel and Skee went to Nig and Gladys Martin's almost every weekend for dinner and Gladys's chocolate cake, which Ethel always requested. Skee passed away in 1994

Ethel and Ben Stevens were neighbors for about four years. Ethel was always outside working in her yard, keeping all the flowers and shrubs maintained. Ben always talked about getting the courage up to ask her out, it took him four years. They dated for a few years and were married on May 29, 1998. Ethel had a big heart and welcomed Ben's children as her own. She loved getting together with family, having BBQ's, and taking trips to the west coast. She loved visiting other places and seeing new things. She had a loving personality, an infectious laugh, was generous, loved reading, and getting together with family and friends. One thing that stuck out about her, is that she wasn't a big fan of shopping,

but seemed to have a lot of nice things. She had a way with dropping hints to Ben without actually saying what she wanted. While traveling she got to see a lot of county, about 15 different states. Ethel was the best mother and grandmother anyone could ask for. After Ben passed away, in 2018, Adam and his sons would go over and watch murder mysteries with her. They had a lot of fun together watching those silly shows.

Ethel was a very elegant lady. She also had a stubborn streak. Once her mind was made up, there was no way to change it. Ethel never had kids of her own, but she loved her step kids, grandkids, nieces, and nephews very much, and they adored her. Ethel's family is so thankful they were able to spend so much time with her at the end of her life.

Ethel passed away on Monday, January 4, 2021, at the Sidney Health Center in Sidney, MT.

Ethel is survived by; her son, Adam Stevens, of Sidney, MT; her daughters, Bonny Stevens, of Florida, and Deena Stevens, of Piculiar, MO; her sister, Judy McPheaters, of AK; and her two grandchildren, Ben and Lucas.

She was preceded in death by; her parents; her husbands-Leslie "Skee" Berndt and Ben Stevens; her brothers, Ken Thompson, Rex Thompson, Nels Yadon, Jim Yadon, Bob Yadon, Don Yadon, and Garry Yadon; and her sisters, Darlene Yadon and Donna Emly.

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Ethel Frances
Stevens

April 3, 1934 ~ January 4, 2021



Ethel Stevens

Born to James & Rilla Yadon
April 3, 1934~Fairview, Montana

Passed Away
January 4, 2021~Sidney, Montana

Services
10:00AM Monday January 11, 2021
Pella Lutheran Church
Sidney, Montana

Officiating
Pastor Tim Tharp

Casketbearer

Gene Fink Steve Reidle Jacob Unruh
Ray Yadon Jim Yadon Alvin Emly

Ushers

Tom Yadon Casey Dietrich

Final Resting Place

Sidney Cemetery~Sidney, Montana



I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave
an afterglow of
smiles
when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright & sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of *happy memories*
that I leave behind
When life is done.