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BETTY JEAN WILSON SWAN
Betty Swan, 87, died Saturday, August 29, 2015, at Renaissance Center in Dillon, Montana. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in New Sharon. Burial was in the Friends Cemetery in New Sharon. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Sharon Fire and Rescue.

Betty Jean Wilson Swan was born July 22, 1928 near Rose Hill to Bill and Maggie Wilson. Betty graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1946. On December 7, 1947, she was married to Hugh Swan in Oskaloosa. Betty and Hugh farmed in the New Sharon area until 1960. Later they moved to Oregon before returning to the Oskaloosa area. Then, she worked at the overall factory in Oskaloosa. Later they moved to Barnes City, Betty worked at the overall factory in Pella. Later she found work at Slg Manufacturing in Montezuma. During that time, they moved to New Sharon in 1971. Betty retired in July of 1990.

Betty enjoyed her life. She had a make do with what you have - fix it, glue it, tape it, nail it, staple it and enjoy your life kind of attitude. She enjoyed sewing, craft projects, gardening, milking the cows and gathering the eggs. Her family was a huge part of her life and she especially loved spending time with them, camping, trout fishing, being outdoors, taking walks, exploring ghost towns and old homesteads. During retirement, Betty enjoyed traveling the country in their mini-home, site seeing, visiting family, making beaded ornaments and embroidery for her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and TJ Street of Newton; daughter and son-in-law Joyce and Lyle Walker of Dillon; and a son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Karen Swan of Port Arthur, Texas. She is also survived by her granddaughter, Andrea Walker of Dillon, Montana; grandson, Clinton (Nicole) Walker of Great Falls, Montana; and granddaughter and son-in-law Ashley and Zachery Orth of Helena, Montana; and great grandchildren Tory, Tyler and Jordyn Walker, Cordell and Caron Walker, Whitley and Carter Orth and step-great grandchildren Dillon and Cole DeJean.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Hugh Donald Swan; her parents; an infant son, William Hugh Swan; sisters Margaret Schoitus and Ethel Jacobs; brothers Glen Wilson and Ray Wilson and a sister-in-law, Arthid Swan.