

Betty Ruth Reesy Patterson-Groshart

Tigard, Oregon – Betty Ruth Groshart, 86, died Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at the Elderly Care Home in Tigard, Oregon, following a long illness.

Betty Ruth was born November 16, 1922, in Worland, to Alvin Ferdinand Reesy and Geneva Fay Jones Reesy, the oldest of three children. When she was 6 years old when her father died and Geneva Fay raised the three children.

She attended school in Worland and spent a year during high school in California returning to graduate from Washakie County High School.

On June 2, 1940, she married Harold Lee “Pat” Patterson II in Worland. They later moved to Thermopolis in 1946. They owned/operated the City Dry Cleaners in Thermopolis. While in Thermopolis, Betty Ruth was an active member of the community and organizations such as the Gray Ladies, Cancer Society, Order of the Eastern Star, and others. She was a Past Grand Matron of the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star. In 1974 Betty Ruth relocated to Tigard, Oregon marrying Jay Robert Groshart on December 22, 1976.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her step father Jay Groshart; her former husband, Harold Lee “Pat” Patterson II; and her sister, Rita Dean Reesy Bragg.

She is survived by her husband Jay Robert Groshart of Tigard; a daughter Betty Jean Patterson Carroll and her two sons Marshall Jay (wife and three children) and Patrick Simeon all of Florida; a son Harold Lee Patterson III of Casper and his daughter and son, Samantha and Harold Lee IV; a son Alvin Kent Patterson (wife Janice) and his son Todd Steffen (wife Jennifer and sons Ian Douglas and Alexander Scott) all of St. Joseph, Missouri; a brother John Robert Reesy of Arizona (wife Ellen); nieces and nephew, Laura Dean Bragg Gaddis of Laramie, Barbara Lee Bragg of California, Robert Frederick Bragg of Casper; step daughters, Jody LaFollette and Terri Groshart of Oregon.

Cremation will be provided by Omega Funeral & Cremation Service of Portland Oregon. In accordance with her wishes no services will be held.