

# Marilou Earlene Bernard

**July 14, 1934 - October 10, 2011**

Marilou Earlene Bernard, 77, died Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, at the Memorial Hospital of Converse County in Douglas.

She was born July 14, 1934, in Buffalo, the daughter of Earl and Bertha Valgene (Talbot) Hughes.

Marilou was raised and educated in Buffalo. She owned Mac's Bar with her husband, Jerry Chance, in Thermopolis. After his death, she became a police dispatcher for the Thermopolis Police Department. While there, she served as president of the Wyoming Police Officer Association-Communications and was awarded Police Officer of the Year. Marilou moved to Buffalo, and was employed as the supervisor of the medical records department at the Johnson County Hospital until the time of her retirement. She moved to Douglas after retirement to be close to her children.

She was an outstanding mother, raising five children most of her life as a single mother. Marilou was loved and will be greatly missed by her children, grandchildren and the entire family. She had a sweet smile that would lighten a room. She loved Christmas, the Broncos, jewelry and dolls.

Marilou is survived by her daughter, Cindy (Ed) Sheridan; sons, Michael (Patricia) Chance, Greg Chance and Marvin Bernard; sisters, June Hale and Phyllis (Jim) Hepp; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Bill Hughes; sisters, Jean Whitted and Patricia Koch; son, Rick Chance; and nephew, Bruce Hepp.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church in Douglas, with the Rev. Linda Wells officiating and Ed Sheridan as the eulogist. Interment was in the Douglas Park Cemetery.

The family would appreciate a memorial to the Buffalo Children's Center, 151 Klondike Drive, Buffalo, WY 82834. The Gorman Funeral Homes – Converse Chapel of Douglas was in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [gormanfh.com](http://gormanfh.com).

