



Catherine Emma Snider Blonigen

January 14, 1921 - September 22, 2011

Catherine Emma Snider Blonigen, 90, died Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011, at Thermopolis Rehabilitation and Care Center, where she had resided since 2009.

Born Jan. 14, 1921 in St. Joseph's Hospital in Dickinson, N.D., she was the daughter of Archie and Cora (House) Snider. Raised near Emmett, N.D., she attended a rural school near the farm and took correspondence courses for her first three years of high school. Her parents arranged for her to attend Parshall (N.D.) High School for her senior year where she graduated in 1940.

She attended Bismarck College, graduating with an associate degree in business in 1944.

Catherine was employed at the North Dakota State Capitol building until she married Joseph Blonigen, Jr., in Bismarck, N.D., on Sept. 5, 1945.

The couple lived near Douglas, N.D., until 1949 when they moved to Thermopolis where they remained the rest of their lives. Catherine worked many years, raising a family of 10. She also worked at the Wyoming Pioneer Home.

Catherine's hobbies and interests were her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great, great-grandchildren. She was truly devoted to her family. She enjoyed crocheting and sewing and had a great love for animals. Catherine loved playing bingo at Thermopolis Rehabilitation and Care Center with her favorite bingo caller, Chuck Bunch.

Survivors include her children, Judith (Douglas) Roos of Miles City, Mont., Patricia (Kerry) Morgan of Lander, John (Sara) Blonigen of Eugene, Ore., Margaret (Bill) Blonigen-Davis of Cheyenne, Mary (Bruce) DeMarcus of Deadwood, S.D., James (Connie) Blonigen of Douglas, Philip (Rosie) Blonigen of Pearsall, Texas, Joan (Jim) Hays of Thermopolis, Michael (Kim) Blonigen of Casper and Joseph (Rose) Blonigen III of Heber City, Utah; 22 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; two great, great-grandchildren; and eight nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was her husband; parents; sister, Elizabeth Ann Nordwall; daughter-in-law, Leslie Blonigen; and a niece and nephew.

A Parish Vigil was held Sunday, Sept. 25, at St. Francis Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, Sept. 26 with Father Hugo Blotsky officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Mortimore Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Thermopolis Rehabilitation and Care Center Activity Fund, P.O. Box 1325, or Hot Springs County Senior Center Meals on Wheels program, 206 Senior Ave., Thermopolis, WY 82443.

