



Elaine Patricia Klassen

November 2, 1934 - June 24, 2011

Elaine Patricia Klassen, 76, died Friday, June 24, 2011, at her residence in Lucerne. Born November 2, 1934 in Grand Rapids, Minn., she was the only child of James and Geraldine (Lon) Clifton. The family moved to Vancouver, Wash., where Elaine attended school, graduating from Portland Christian High School.

She married George R. Klassen on September 7, 1974. They lived in Hesperia, Calif. until moving to Thermopolis in the early 1990s.

Self employed, Elaine was a “creative genius” and designer of home textiles. Her home was a showcase. Hands always busy, she also appliquéd wearable art and home accessories. She enjoyed reading and collecting antiques.

Survivors include her husband of 37 years; stepson, Robert Klassen of Everett, Wash.; stepdaughter, JoAnn Klassen of West Linn, Ore.; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a cousin, Denny.

Cremation has taken place. Abiding by her request, no services will be held. Mortimore Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

