

Punky Ann Kohles

December 26, 1941 - October 19, 2011

Punky Ann Kohles, 69, died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, at her residence in Cody.

She was born Dec. 26, 1941, in Thermopolis to Gus and Marie Enis. Punky was raised on Owl Creek and started school in the one-room Middleton School. She went to high school in Thermopolis. She loved farm animals and any other animal she could find.

Punky married LeRoy VanDusen and they had two sons, Roy and Dale. They were later divorced. Punky went to Hi Flight Beauty College in Boulder, Colo., and later worked at various salons.

She married Les Kohles on Aug. 28, 1982, in Jackson. They also lived in Casper, Torrington and Thermopolis before moving to Marysville, Wash.

Upon retirement on Jan. 1, 2003, they bought a fifth-wheel trailer and enjoyed seeing the sights around the entire country. She was always cooking or baking and sharing with whomever was near. Punky was always laughing and having fun. She always had a pet, and one of her favorites was a little bunny named Missy Bunz that traveled with them for many years. Punky enjoyed music and loved to dance and laugh.

She is survived by her husband, Les of Cody; two sons, Roy (Angie) VanDusen of Powell and Dale (Melanie) VanDusen of Cody; three grandchildren; and sister, Dorothy Hamilton of Sun City, Ariz.

Punky was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Jim and Bill; and a sister, Betty Bent Shaffer.

It is her wish that donations be made to the new Spirit Mountain Hospice at 1021 9th Street, Cody, WY 82414 or that you just give a dog a bone or a cat a gentle love. At her request, there will be no services and cremation has taken place.

A complete obituary and online registry is available at www.ballardfh.com.

