

Mary Jo Fink was born on October 16, 1931, the daughter of Roy and Isabelle (Meyer) Fink on the family farm near Lambert, MT. She was raised and educated in Lambert, where she attended grade school at the Bradley Country School for eight years. She attended Lambert High School until her junior year, when her family moved to Sidney, MT. She graduated from Sidney High School in 1949.

In August of 1950, she entered the Sisters of St. Francis School of Nursing, Minot, ND. She graduated in June of 1953, with a Registered Nurse Diploma. She then returned to Sidney, where she was employed as an RN at the Sidney Community Hospital for eight months.

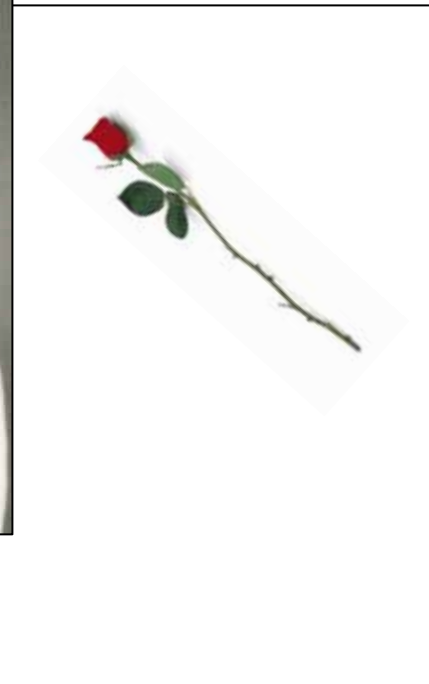
Mary was married to John Leo Dignan II on June 16, 1954, in St. Philomena's Catholic Church in Sidney, MT. They made their home in Coteau, ND, until April of 1955, when they moved to the Dignan family farm, which was located west of Coteau. They farmed and ranched for the next 35 years, and raised their family which was made up of four sons and one daughter. She had helped in Public Health Nursing in Burke Co. from 1978 to 1988. In 1991, they moved to Kenmare, ND, where she worked at the Kenmare Hospital as an RN from 1988 to July 1996. Mary also had been an Avon Representative since 1991. John passed away on April 21, 1995.

She was a former member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Bowbells, ND, and was a member of the church's altar society. She was a member of Bowbells Senior Citizens. She was currently a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church, Kenmare, ND, and was a member of the church's altar society. She was a member of Kenmare Senior Citizens, where she served as secretary of the senior citizen board. She has also served on the Meals on Wheels Executive Board for four years.

She enjoyed playing board games, bingo, puzzles, embroidery and fancy work, flowers and gardening.

Surviving family includes: children, Ronald Dignan, Bowbells, Kevin (Patty) Dignan, Wheat Ridge, CO, Tom (Deb) Dignan, Tioga, ND, Kathleen Dignan, Williston, ND, and Timothy Dignan, Kenmare, ND; grandchildren, Michelle (Danny) Mogren, Mason Dignan, Robin (Travis) Ranum, Riley Dignan, Cody and Riese Dignan; great-grandchildren, Kasey and Kiley Mogren and Kaidyn and Gavin Ranum; sisters, Muriel John, Caldwell, Idaho, Margaret Vaira, Sidney, MT, and Dorothy Fink, Sidney, MT; brothers, Harold Fink, Sidney, John (Faye) Fink, Dewey, AZ, Paul (Marcy) Fink, Pasco, WA, William (Billiette) Fink, Lincoln, CA, Robert Fink, Lambert, MT, Joseph (Virginia) Fink, Fairview, MT, James Fink, Williston; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; husband; grandson, Jeffrey Dignan; sister, Christine Schmitz; niece, Ruth Schmitz; and nephew, Robert Schmitz.



*In Loving Memory of
Mary Jo Dignan
1931 ~ 2007*

