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LILLY EVELAND

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Lilly Kathryn FURLONG was born in Chester Montana November 22nd, 1922. She was the 6th of ten children and the first daughter born to Ina Marie Keith and Edward R. Furlong.

Lilly received her formal education in the Chester community, graduating from C.H.S. in 1941. She married Howard Wirth Eveland on February 17th, 1942 in Helena. While Howard completed his military training, Lilly made her home in Chester and worked at the telephone office. In 1949 she began working at the Liberty County Library and also worked part-time at the Clerk & Recorder's Office. Lilly served as Liberty County Librarian for 40 years, retiring in December of 1989. She suffered from cancer these past few years which required numerous hospitalizations and treatments. Two weeks ago she went to California to be with her sister, Ina. While there she entered a hospital at Whittier and died on the afternoon of Tuesday, Feb. 5th. She was 68 years old.

Lilly was a lifelong member of the Chester Methodist Church. Because her infant baptism records were lost, she was rebaptized in the new Methodist Church several years ago. Lilly was also a charter member of the Chester V.F.W. Auxiliary and had been a member of the Royal Neighbors of America dating back to 1939. She also held membership in the Montana Library Association from 1951-1990. In addition, she helped form the Broken Mountain Genealogical Society and was a supporter patron of the Chester Garden Club. In 1976 Lilly designed the Liberty County flag for the bicentennial; Maxine Ward did the needle-work in that original flag, which is

still on display at the county library. In more recent years Lilly enjoyed her involvement with the Milk River Good Sam Club and she always looked forward to attending the annual Sweetgrass Hills Family Camp.

Lilly had numerous hobbies. She loved to read, and always encouraged the younger people to read. She personally took several telecom continuing education courses through the library system. Lilly enjoyed gardening, flowers and houseplants (in fact, a lot of the green plants at the library were originally started by Lilly). When her kids were young, she did a lot of sewing and mending. She enjoyed working crossword puzzles and playing 'scrabble'. She was a good cook, and her family has fond memories of her wonderful breads and her delicious cornbread-&-beans. Lilly was always generous to her family and friends, and she enjoyed her many contacts with her church family.

Lilly had cancer that ravished her physical body, but it couldn't destroy her undying faith. She was given a poem that she shared with her family and friends. The poem is entitled "What Cancer Can't Do." by author unknown:

Cancer is so limited...
It cannot cripple love,
It cannot shatter hope.
It cannot corrode faith,
It cannot eat away peace,
It cannot destroy confidence,
It cannot kill friendship,
It cannot shut out memories,
It cannot silence courage,
It cannot invade the soul,
It cannot reduce eternal life,
It cannot quench the Spirit,
It cannot lessen the power of
the resurrection.

Lilly's survivors include her four children, Aline & Gale Christenot of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Neal & Pat Eveland of Chester, Ardes

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& Charles Connel of Alamogordo, New Mexico, and Ardell & Philip Kruitoff of Billings; eight grandchildren, including Corene, Sabra, Keith, Kris, Kevin, Robert, Kathryn and Karalyn; her former husband, Howard of Chester; two sister, Ina Belle("Kitty") Foreman of LaHabra, California, and Alice Morrison of Chester; four brothers Russell("Bing") Furlong of Chester, Phillip Furlong of Denver, Colorado, Warren("Irish") Furlong of Spokane, Washington, and Noel Furlong of Kalispell; three aunts; and numerous nephews and neices. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers (Edmond, Miles and David Furlong).

Funeral services were held at the Chester United Methodist Church on Monday, February 11th, at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Charles Nowlen and Reverend Charles Hanson officiated. The congregation sang "Be Thou My Vision", accompanied by Gail Cicon. One of Lilly's favorite songs "Whispering Hope" was performed by the vocal duet of Rudy Cicon and Dennis Kenfield. A male quartette consisting of Garth Good, Orville Solum, Mark Zerbe and John Hofer sang "In the Sweet Bye and Bye", accompanied by Edith Hodges. Old friends and classmates serving as pallbearers and ushers included Aden Ward, Delmar Wolfe, Bob Wigen, Harley Rudolph, Cliff Lybeck, Don Marble, Darby O'Brien, Arlo Skari, Jennings Mattson, Joe Gagnon, Max Brown, Narciss Gagnon, Neil Shepherd. Friends from the RNA and VFW Auxiliary served as honorary bearers. Following graveside services at the Chester Cemetery, a luncheon was held at the church. Funeral arrangement were by Rockman Chapel ,Chester.

Lilly Eveland passed away February 6th, 1991. This obituary was taken from the Liberty County Times, printed Wednesday, February 13, 1991.

MAY YOU REST IN PEACE! !