

Lois Burnett Buxton 1904-2004

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Lois A. (Burnett) Buxton

MISSOULA - Lois A. (Burnett) Buxton, at 100 years of age, passed away of natural causes on Tuesday, morning, Nov. 23, 2004, at Hillside Manor in Missoula.

Lois Buxton was born in Hamilton on July 26, 1904. Her parents, James V. Burnett and Etta Sanders Burnett, were early pioneers in the Bitterroot Valley.

Lois' grandfather, John Justus Burnett, her father James V. Burnett and her oldest brother, Leonard Burnett, were all building contractors and were instrumental in the construction of the majority of the original buildings at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Lois' mother Etta Sanders Burnett was a young girl who took refuge with her family inside the security of Fort Owen when the early settlers thought that the Indians were on the warpath before and during the time Chief Joseph and his tribe came through the Bitterroot Valley on the way to that tragic destination at the battle of the Big Hole.

Lois received her education through the Stevensville school system, then met the love of her life, Charles Marlin Buxton. They were married in September 1922. This new Buxton family lived in Stevensville until Marlin Buxton accepted a position with the Ford Motor Co. in Seattle.

They returned to the western Montana area in 1939 and subsequently operated a dairy supply business. When they approached retirement age, they transferred their hobby of antiques into an ongoing antique business that they operated from their home in Hamilton. Lois' husband Marlin passed away in November 1971. Also preceding her in death were her parents, four brothers, three sisters and a granddaughter.

She is survived by two sons and their wives, Marlin and Isabella Buxton of Missoula, and Jim and Marjorie of Kalispell; five grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Lois Buxton was a sweet, dear person who came from early pioneer stock. She lived a long and a good life, but she will be missed by all those who loved her so.

Services are pending at Dowling Funeral Home in Hamilton.