

## Elsie Marie Bartholow Dillin Black

Elsie Black, age 89, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 13, 2014 in Mesquite, NV, surrounded by her loving family. Elsie was the second oldest of seven children, born April 14, 1924 in Arvada, WY to George and Elizabeth (Jane) Campbell Bartholow. Elsie was raised in the Sheridan area, graduating from Sheridan High School in 1942. After her graduation she moved to Upton, WY and began a career with CB&Q Railroad as a telegraph operator. It was during this time she met and married Joseph (Ed) Dillin on November 7, 1944 in Hardin, MT. To this union Ed brought daughters Ethel and Edna. Together, Elsie and Ed added son Tom and daughters Sharon, Carol, Mary, and Betty to their home in Upton. After Ed passed away in 1971, Elsie later returned to Sheridan where she met and married Leroy (Bud) Black on December 3, 1976. To this union, Bud brought a son Shelley and two daughters, Sherry and Charlotte. Bud passed away in August 2002 and Elsie remained in Sheridan until August 2010 when she moved to Mesquite, NV.

Elsie was an avid jetsetter in her later years and enjoyed the best of all worlds, spending her winters in Nevada at the homes of daughters Sharon and Mary and her summers in Wyoming and South Dakota at the homes of daughters Carol and Betty and son Tom. She was a Diva and her children ensured she lacked for nothing. She enjoyed many experiences such as a stagecoach ride and trips up the Enchanted Highway in North Dakota, annual trips to South Dakota's Mount Rushmore, the Badlands, and the 1880 Train, annual trips to Wyoming's Devils Tower, riding a camel in Palm Springs, California, walking the Grand Canyon Skywalk, a helicopter tour of Hoover Dam, and many others in between.

Elsie leaves behind her sister Louise Ralston of Sheridan, WY; her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and their families-sons Tom (Gayle) Dillin of Piedmont, SD and Shelley (Anita) Black of Pine Haven, WY; daughters Sharon (Dick) Van Winkle and Mary (Brad) Shurtleff of Mesquite, NV, Carol (Tom) Harrison and Charlotte (Mike) Pulver of Gillette, WY, Betty (Mike) Finn of Upton, WY, Ethel Shelton of Escondido, CA, and Sherry (Don) Kelley of Douglas, WY, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Welcoming her to Heaven are her parents George and Elizabeth Bartholow, husbands Ed Dillin and Bud Black, sisters Alice Zimmerschied, Marian Krenzlok, and Marge Bowman, daughter Edna Honeycutt, son-in-law Ron Clyde, grandson Jacob Black, and siblings lost during early childhood-brother Bruce and sister Gladys Lorene.

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April 14, 1924 - January 13, 2014

## FOOTPRINTS

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and to my surprise I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints.

And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life.

I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most."

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave. During your times of trial and suffering, where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."



In Loving Memory of

### Elsie Black

#### DATE OF BIRTH

April 14, 1924  
Arvada, Wyoming

#### DATE OF DEATH

January 13, 2014  
Mesquite, Nevada

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Graveside Services  
Saturday, April 12, 2014, at 10:00 am  
Upton Greenwood Cemetery  
&  
Saturday, April 12, 2014, at 3:00 pm  
Sheridan Municipal Cemetery  
with Bag Pipes by Bob Wyatt

### OFFICIATING

Officiant Brian Mills ~ Upton  
Pastor Doug Goodwin ~ Sheridan

A reception will be held at the Kane Reception Hall directly following the Sheridan Service.

Donations to your local Senior Center in Elsie's memory would be appreciated by her family.