Faye Mackenzie Jones

Her Legacy… Faye Mackenzie Jones, 88, died at home in Oroville, CA on Mon., Dec. 26, 2011 after an illness that had her hospitalized precisely one year ago on the same day. Her father, Royal Mackenzie married Rose Vachon in Miles City in Nov. 1911 and had 8 children. Faye was the youngest – born March 30, 1923 in Miles City & grew up along Powder River near Ismay, MT. She attended a 2-room school house at Trail Creek School and went on to high school in Miles City, where it was a common practice for the kids raised on ranches to board with the locals in town during the school year…you worked for a place to stay. Her father died when she was 12 and then her mother died when she was 21…just 3 months after her brother, a Second Lieutenant, died in WWII while stationed in Florida. She worked as a welder at the Oregon Shipyards in Portland alongside her sister Katherine. Another sister Lyn and her husband Tom Gilleran worked there as well. Among the ships they built was the 250th Liberty ship. She moved to Pasadena, CA to attend Staber’s Beauty School and simultaneously worked at North American Aircraft as a “bucker.” She went to see her sister in Greenville, CA & met Jack Jones. They would say, they met at Christmas, said, “Yes” at New Years, got married in March 1949 and got to know each other AFTER they married…it lasted 37 years. He worked for the Western Pacific Railroad; they spent their first several years of married life living in an, “outfit car.” She was in the first graduation ceremony for Feather River Junior College in Quincy and preceded her daughter’s graduation due to alphabetical order. Faye was never boring…she loved the outdoors, hunting, rock-hounding, reading and generally looked at the world as an interesting place. She was an outdoor girl, but couldn’t bear to see fruit go to waste and canned food most of her life. She continued to hunt into her seventies and was still changing the cooler pads on her home at 79.

Her Family… She is survived by her children Kasey Elaine Jones, Diana L. Jones, Jonathan J. Jones and Linda Agee and son-in-law Steve Agee; grandchildren are Kelly Agee, Alyssa Agee and Kyle Agee…all of Oroville, CA. There are also numerous nieces and nephews. She outlived all of her siblings – Royal; Katharyn (Fiske) Oberst; Frances Redman; Robert; “Tana” Rose Miller; Lyn Gilleran. Her brother Robert died in Montana just a few days ago on Dec. 23 in Billings, MT.

Her Farewell Service …Her Funeral Service has been held. Arrangements are entrusted to Oroville Funeral Home 530-533-0323

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