



## Miriam Bernice Fox

May 6, 1928 - July 2, 2017

Miriam Bernice (Bangert) Fox 89, entered eternal life on July 2nd. Miriam is reunited with her husband William (Bill) Fox, her parents Elizabeth (Dewald) and George Bangert, sister Verna (Bangert) Barnette, and brother Sonny Bangert. Miriam was born on May 6th, 1928 in Laurel, Montana to Elizabeth and George. She was raised in a loving, hardworking, German family. She married her husband Bill in 1944 and had two beautiful daughters, Judie Fox and Cynthia Fox. Bill worked as a contractor for a construction company which required him to be on the road most of the time and the family moving frequently. Though the travels were hard and a lot of work, the family was together and viewed each move as a new adventure. In Miriam's 40s when most were looking to retire Miriam and Bill began a new adventure, they purchased a mobile home park in Centralia, Washington. Miriam was the face of the business, no stranger to hard work fixing broken pipe, hauling garbage, mowing lawns, broken light fixtures no problem, tree trimming you got it. Disabled tenants that needed help, you could count on her. Even those who fell on hard times, Miriam could be found delivering diapers or a bite to eat. But let's be very clear, she was not a pushover, just ask those who tried to pull one over on her with excuses of late rent, speeding through her park, or having uninvited guests that caused a ruckus. Small in stature but mighty in heart, when Miriam meant business, even the largest of men knew they'd crossed the wrong woman. We were blessed to learn many valuable lessons from Miriam during her 89 years; be passionate, live courageously, show

compassion, be proud but do not boast, hard work never killed anyone. She taught the women in our family to be strong just as she was. Family is family; they're ours what are you going to do, give them away? No, they are ours and family sticks together! Miriam loved her family fiercely, she hated her feet being touched and the thought of them being ticked would send her into a frenzy that would have her grandchildren laughing hysterically. Her poker face was lethal and those who were fortunate enough to graduate to the adults table knew to have a good financial reserve. She claimed to dislike the stray cats that seemed to find their way to her porch but her heart of gold left a little bowl of food and water just in case they were without. In addition to her daughters, Miriam is survived by 6 grandchildren. Grant Heald (Cherie), Candace Evans (Justin) of Missoula, MT, Stacey Holms (Trent) of Butte, MT, Jason Heald (Cara) of Missoula, MT, Melissa Fox of Portland, OR, Jamie Raemaeker (Dan) of Cut Bank, MT, 9 great grandchildren, 9 great-great grandchildren, in-laws, nieces, nephews, an extended family and friends from every walk of life too numerous to list but not forgotten. We love you always and forever.