



Ruth Maxine Gill

March 1, 1915 - December 27, 2010

Ruth Gill died at age 95 in the home of her son, Tony Gill, and daughter-in-law, Dorothy. Following a fall, she had made her home with them the past 4 years. She was surrounded by her family and passed in peace. Ruth was born to Grover Isaac Vance and Stella May (Brown) Vance in Waterloo, Iowa. She had two brothers, Robert and Gordon. Her father's death in the Spanish Flu pandemic resulted in hard years for the remaining family. The children lived with various relatives while her mother worked. Ruth graduated St. Mary's of Mt. Carmel high school in 1932. The following year she married Michael John Gill. They lived and farmed in Iowa where their first 4 children were born. In 1946 they moved to Montana. Mike worked at the Polson Lumber Mill. They bought farm property on Mud Lake Trail, built a house, and moved there in 1951. Ruth and Mike were married for 53 years and had 9 children. As a convert to Catholicism, Ruth had firm religious convictions. She and Mike shepherded the children to weekly mass, seasonal devotions and sacraments. Rearing her children was her vocation. The family farm was more family than farm, rich in experience but not in money. There were milk cows, hogs, chickens, a horse and a dog name Shogun. After years of hard work, she launched her children into the world one by one. In retirement, Ruth and Mike were active at the Polson senior center where they played bridge frequently. As family, friends and neighbors knew, Ruth had strong opinions. She was always ready to talk, discuss or argue these opinions. She was a lifelong reader. She was interested in politics and once ran for a state senate seat.

Ruth continued to live on the farm after Mike's death. She loved the farm where she lived for 55 years. Ruth is survived by her children, Ramona McCarthy, Penelope Merrell, Lyola Noblin, Sheila Gill, Shannon Gill, Joseph Gill and Anton Gill, 22 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandson. . She was preceded in death by Michael Gill (1986), and her daughters, Jeannine Marie Gill (1996) and Meryl Catherine Parsons (2007).

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“ I will always remember our family trips to Monatana to visit Grandma and Grandpa and then just Grandma. They are some of my fondest memories as a child and then when I would bring my children. I love you Grandma. I thank you for giving me such a wonderful mother.

Judy Parrish - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Gill Family.

Roger W. Price - January 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM