

Betty Jean Hilbert 1925-2011

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Betty Jean Hilbert, 86, died on Nov. 10 in Christmas Valley.

She was born on Jan. 5, 1925, in Marshfield, to Burell and Evelyn Stimson.

Hilbert was raised on a ranch in the Ritter area, and graduated from Long Creek High School.

On May 30, 1945, she married Everett Hilbert in Mineral Wells, Texas, where Everett was stationed in the Army. After her husband's discharge, they came back to the Ukiah area to ranch.

In 1956, Hilbert and her husband bought a ranch in the Diamond area. They ranched there until retiring to Frenchglen. After "retirement" Hilbert worked at the Frenchglen Hotel for 25 years, and she and her husband both worked for Rock Creek Ranch.

Hilbert was an avid knitter, and she enjoyed making sweaters and afghans.

She had spent the last year in Silver Lake with her daughters.

Hilbert is survived by her daughters, Sharon Messner and husband Chuck of Adel, and Gloria Ash of Silver Lake.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett; parents, Burell and Evelyn Stimson; sisters, Cleo Marlin and Mary Lippert; and brother, Jim Stimson.

A memorial service for Hilbert will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 11 a.m. in LaFollette's Chapel.

Interment will be held in the Spring at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton.

