



### First Day in Heaven

Today was your first day in heaven  
And there's something I'd like to know.  
What was the thing that you did first?  
Did you walk the streets of gold?

Were Dad and Dori Lu waiting?  
With smiles and faces aglow?  
Did you find dear Aunt Vera,  
And tell her that we've missed her so?

Did you just spend the day with Jesus?  
Did you see your mansion up there?  
Or were you in such awe and wonder  
That you just had to stop and stare?

What did you do first this morning  
When you entered heaven so bright?  
Were you surprised that it's always day there  
Because Jesus is the light?

How did it feel to have no pain?  
Did you leap for joy and run?  
Did Jesus say to you, "Well done?"  
Did he say, "Your race is won?"

Your day must have been so amazing.  
With so many things to see.  
You're now in the arms of Jesus  
We know you've been set free.

We love you, Mom

By Kathi Rooney Pfeifle  
January 6, 2025

Hope Strength

# Dorothy "Joyce" Rooney

## Funeral Service

Monday, January 13, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.  
Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home  
Miles City, Montana

## Officiating

Pastor Ken Evans  
Jim Rooney  
Bud Wells

## Music

"Amazing Grace"  
"If That Isn't Love"  
"No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus"  
"Supper Time"

## Pallbearers

### Grandsons:

Ash Hilliard, Eric Klein,  
Ryan Klein, Ty Hilliard, Sean Rooney,  
James Rooney, Nick Pfeifle

### Nephews:

Warren Schiller, Wes Schiller,  
Ron Rooney, Don Rooney, Tod Miller,  
Pete Klauka, Greg Moore

## Interment

Will follow in the family lot of the  
Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

*Following the graveside service, a luncheon  
will be held at The Parlor, 1806 Main Street.  
Everyone is invited.*

Arrangements By  
Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home



In Loving Memory Of

# Dorothy "Joyce" Rooney

November 30, 1933 - January 6, 2025



# Celebrating A LIFE

Dorothy “Joyce” Rooney went home to be with the Lord on January 6, 2025, at the age of 91. Joyce was born to Lewis and Dorothy Todd on November 30, 1933, in Miles City, MT. She met Hugh “Lewis” Rooney in high school. They were married on August 19, 1950. Joyce graduated from Custer County High School. They made their home on the old Choate place on Beaver Creek. They were ranchers for 60 years before retiring to Miles City in 2011. May 15, 2020, they moved to Morning Star Senior Living Reflections in Billings, where they resided until time of death. They celebrated 71 years and 10 days of marriage before Lewis went home to be with the Lord on August 29, 2021. They began married life living in the old log ranch house. They were blessed with the birth of Jim in 1953. Kathi and Kelli were born in June of 1962. Dori Lu was born in December of 1962. The family outgrew the ranch house, so Dad added a large 2 story addition.

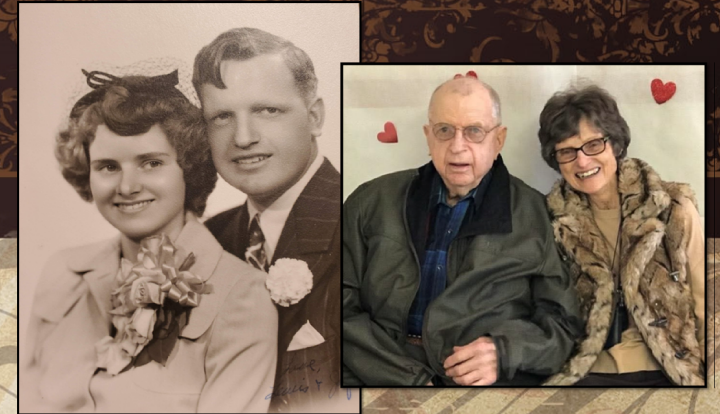
Mom held an unwavering faith in Jesus Christ. She and Dad drove 65 miles to church most every Sunday, only missing when the roads were impassable or during calving season. Mom and Dad shared their

faith with others and were long time members of Fellowship Baptist Church in Miles City. Mom had the gift of hospitality and a servant’s heart. Mom, as a child, suffered through polio and scarlet fever, and later in life, the death of her little girl, Dori Lu, at the age of 4. During their married life hardships and blessings occurred. Together they went through hailstorms, fires, blizzards, drought, and grasshoppers. They also went through years of green grass and lots of rain, good wheat crops and heavy calves in the fall. Mom didn’t have a lot of hobbies, but one thing she enjoyed in her later years was tole painting. She and Mrs. Pete Minow spent many hours of painting together. In all of this, Mom’s faith and trust in the Lord carried her through.

Mom is survived by her children, Jim Rooney, Kathi (Randy) Pfeifle, and Kelli (Doug); sister, Janice Miller, sister-in-law, Betty Ann Dilger; grandchildren: DeAnn Sue, Sean (Staci) Rooney, James Rooney, Eric (Jessica), Ryan (Karla), Kelsi (Savon), Ty, Nick, Ash (Nicki) and Robert; great grandchildren: Wyatt, Avery, Elease, Joshua, Ariel, Chloe, Zachary, Ryan, Stefan, Kamila, Kaliyah and Saiah; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Dorothy Todd, husband Lewis Rooney (2021), daughter Dori Lu Rooney (1967), and beloved sister and best friend, Vera Schiller (2021).

We know that we will see Mom again in Heaven one day. She is now sitting at the feet of Jesus, rejoicing with those who went before her. She was a prayer warrior and her prayer for you is that you would put your trust in Jesus and be saved and that she would one day see you again in Heaven. John 3:16

Special thank you to the staff at Morning Star and Stillwater Hospice for taking such good care of Mom.



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