

## Hill, Marjorie

Marjorie Hill, 73, died Jan. 29, 2009 in Barstow after an extended illness.

Marjorie Ann Eckes was born Dec. 27, 1935, in Franklin, Pa., the daughter of Jessie and Henry Eckes. The family moved to California in 1939 and lived in Banning for a few years before settling in the Barstow area in 1947. A graduate of Barstow Union High School, Class of '53, Marjorie worked for several years for the U.S. Army at Fort Irwin. Married Elred Hoelsing in 1957 (divorced 1961, one son, Eric). In 1965, Marjorie married Bruce Hill, a widower with six children. For the past 43 years, Bruce and Marjorie have owned and operated Hillco on Barstow's West Main Street.

Marjorie was never without something to read, sharing her books, magazines and newspapers with all. She will be remembered for her avid interest in all things, her sharp wit, and her kindness to so many.

Preceded in death by her parents and son, Howard, Marjorie is survived by her loving husband, Bruce; sons, Eric Hill (Aaron Race) of Redlands, Roy Hill of Adelanto, and Bill Hill (Susan) of Tracy; daughters, Edna Later (Ron) of Hinkley, Robbie Moore (Ron) of Barstow, and Tammy Lancaster (Kim) of Lubbock, Texas. Survivors also include sisters, Marion Sumners (Joe) of Hinkley, and Jeanne Caples (Mark Arndt) of Omaha, Neb.; brother, John Eckes of Lenwood; 15 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and many other family members and friends who will miss her very much.

The family wishes to express their special thanks for the kindness of Marjorie's caregivers at Rimrock Convalescent Center and the ICU unit at Barstow Community Hospital.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers the family would suggest memorials to a library or literacy project in memory of Marjorie Hill.

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