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Mauricia "Kay" (Horan) Murphy, 74, of Kingman, Ariz., passed away on Sept. 14, 2009 at the Kingman Regional Medical Center. She passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, following a lengthy illness.

Kay was born in Hollywood, Calif., on July 2, 1935. She graduated from Barstow High School in 1953, enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and served as a communications technician until 1955. She left the Navy to start her family, returned to work in 1960 and worked until her retirement in 2000. Early in her career she held various clerical and management positions in Barstow and San Bernardino. She eventually moved into the field of apartment and motel management working with her husband, Jay, throughout California from Inglewood to Sacramento. Upon retiring she and Jay moved to Palmdale, Calif., and finally settled in Kingman, Ariz.

Always an animal lover, Kay found fulfillment doing volunteer work for H.A.L.T. (Help Animals Lives Today) in Kingman. She was an avid reader of fiction and enjoyed playing cards and word games and doing crossword puzzles. She made friends easily. Mostly she loved spending time with her family and friends. She was easy to be with, easy to love and hard to lose. Kay is survived by her husband, Jay; children, Debbie Eaton, Cindy Crosslin, and David Warren; grandchildren, Nichole, Jackie and Christina Williford and Austin Eaton; great grandchildren, Samantha James and Katlyn Bertolina; and siblings, Will Horan, Bruce Horan and Nancy Treinen.

A private family memorial service will be held. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research

Foundation at www.jdrf.org

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