

Gladys Adele McGinnis



Gladys Adele McGinnis, 88, a lifetime resident of Barstow, passed away Aug. 20, 2009. She was born Feb. 8, 1921.

She was a Barstow High School Riffian, graduating in 1938. She worked as a waitress and self-employed with McGinnis Backhoe for 35 years. She also volunteered as a voting poll worker. She married George a. McGinnis on Oct. 2, 1938.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ritson and Alice Thursby; brothers, Les and Roy Thursby; her older sister, Lucille; and her husband, George A. She is survived by her sons, Robert "Bobby" McGinnis of Barstow, Leslie A. McGinnis of Ridgecrest, and Roy D. McGinnis of Barstow; and daughter, Lorena McKinley of Gray, Tenn.; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Our mother loved the desert and the city of Barstow. She was a great lover of life and the outdoors. Her grandfather came to the High Desert in 1883 and he was the first postmaster in Victorville and worked in the Calico mines.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Aug. 28, 2009 at the First Congregational Church, 220 N. Second Ave. at 11 a.m. The best donation to our mother would be to protect the desert or donations may be made to Mojave Valley River Museum, 270 E. Virginia Way, Barstow.

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