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Upon the death of Ray’s father, CW, in 1937, Ray started farming north of Cut Bank. Gertrude loved to accompany Ray to the family cabin near Glacier Park, but she received the most pleasure playing pan, dancing, and working in her garden. She is quoted as saying: “When I get to heaven, I want a dance floor and a flower garden.” She was well known for her quiet sense of humor and faint chuckle. She made many friends in the Glacier Care Center where she resided since 2011. She did not complain much but did mention a few times how hard it was to out-live so many of her old friends from years past.

Although they did not have any children of their own, Ray and Gertrude helped their nieces and nephews any time there was a need. They became like parents to so many of them, especially their niece, Estelle Birza. There were countless others that were in receipt of their aid, many times a friend or the friend’s child. The Petersons funded scholarships for many high school students over the years, a practice Gertrude maintained after Ray’s passing in 1997.

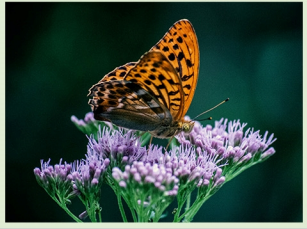
She is survived by her sister, Anne Anderson, of Power. Gertrude is also survived by her daughter, Estelle and Estelle’s children and grandchildren: Tom Kennedy; Diana (John) Vickers-Katie, Sarah, and Matt; Scott (Leslie) Kennedy-Michael and Megan; Jeannette (Tom) Kiranne-Andrew, Rachel and Brian. She also leaves behind several much-loved nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond, her parents Tom and Annie, her brother Howard, her sisters, Margaret (Hietpas), Susan (Boyle) and Jean (Jones).

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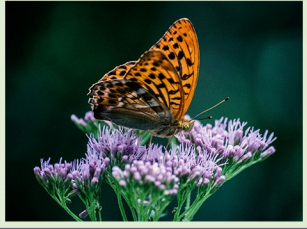
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To a new and distant shore...
So let your grief be softened
And yield not to despair~
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