



## Roberta Ann Criss

November 5, 1947 - September 5, 2012

Roberta Ann Criss, 64 year old long time Butte Valley resident, passed away on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 following a traffic accident near Dorris. Roberta was born November 5, 1947 in Woodland to Robert and Marian Lucas and the family came to Dorris 2 years later. Roberta attended local schools and earned an Associate Degree from College of Siskiyous in Weed. On August 19th, 1967, she married her high school sweetheart Russell Criss and the couple recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Roberta was very involved in youth activities in Butte Valley. She was a 4-H leader for 45 years and during that time she was a beef, community, and a Hi-4H leader. She organized and chaperoned numerous events and trips including taking large groups of 4-H kids to far away places such as Florida, Canada, and Hawaii. Roberta was a member of the BV Booster Club and for several years co-organized the Bulldog Classic Basketball Tournament. She was very involved in Youth For Understanding, one of the world's largest and most respected international educational exchange organizations. The Criss family hosted over 50 exchange students from all over the world. Roberta was also a member of many other organizations and always volunteered to help anyone who asked. She loved attending cattle shows, youth sporting events, and cooking for anyone who came through the door. Above all, she loved anything that allowed her to work with and spend time with her "kids".

In addition to Russell of Macdoel, she is survived by her son, Ron Criss and his wife, Heather, of Dorris; her daughter, Renee Criss of Klamath Falls, Ore.;

her mother, Marian Lucas of Dorris; her three grandchildren, Chad, Tanner and Mackenzie; her “adopted” daughter, Sarah Allen and the over 50 exchange students who lived with Roberta and Russell. She is preceded in death by her father, Robert, and her brother, Daniel.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Butte Valley High School Gymnasium. Memorial contributions may be made in Roberta’s name to the Tulelake Butte Valley Fair Junior Livestock Event Fund, c/o Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union, 201 West Third Street, Dorris, California 96023.