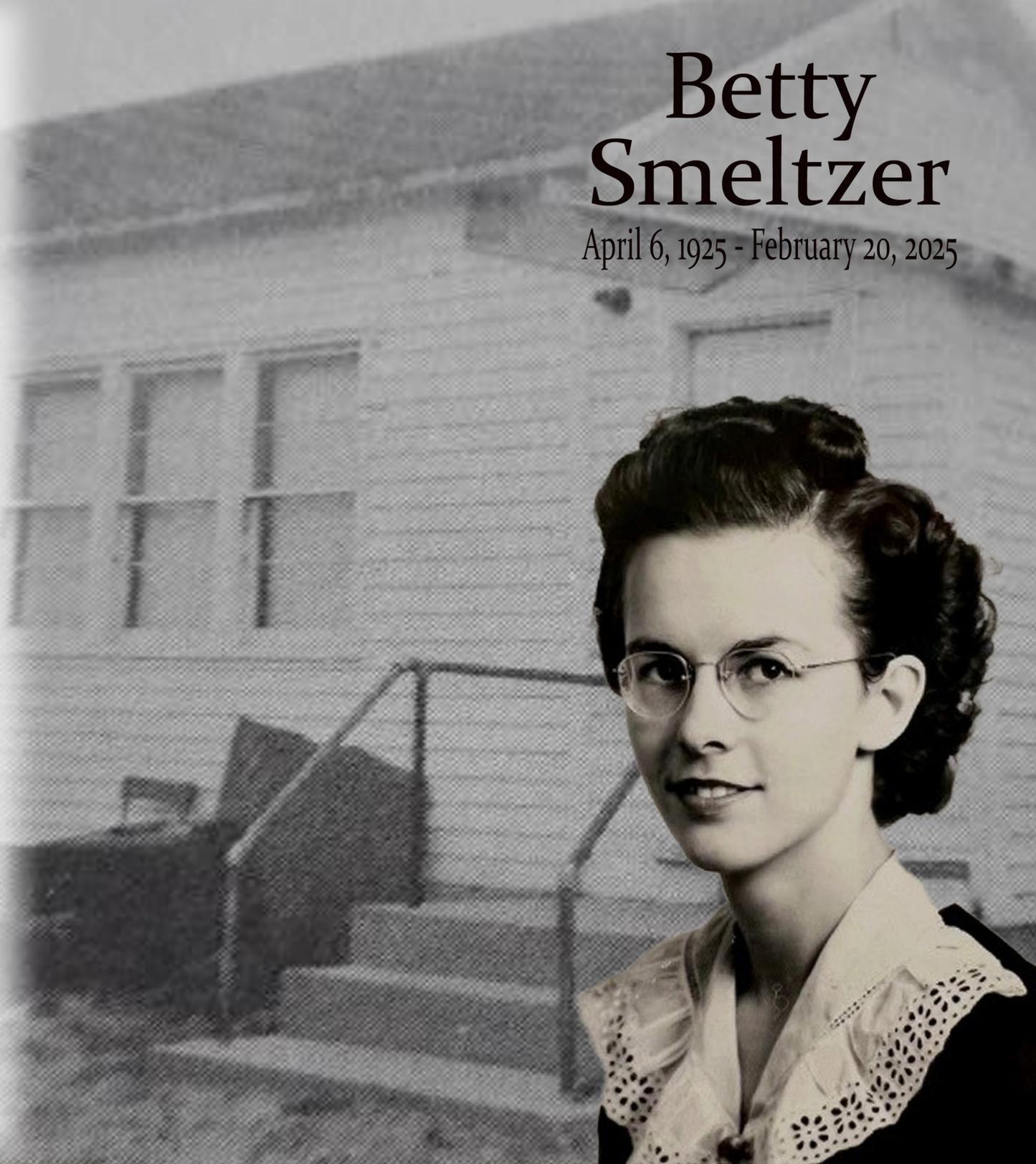


Betty Smeltzer was born April 6, 1925 to Charles and Dessa (Prouty) Shepherd in Ollie, MT. She grew up in Ollie and graduated from Ollie High School. Pursuing her passion she received a teacher degree and dedicated her life to the children of Eastern Montana. Betty met and married Jerry Smeltzer on the Big Hill. To this union Robert was born. She taught at Hillside Country School until they moved to the Lame Jones area where she continued to teach at the Lame Jones Country School. Betty then taught at the Fertile Prairie County School and eventually finished her career at Lincoln Elementary in Baker. Betty will be missed greatly by her son, Robert (Joan) Smeltzer; grandchildren, Kimberly (Greg) Kaye, Kristen (Steven) Moody; great grandchildren, Garrett Kaye, Alan and Ryan Moody; and brother, Larry Shepherd. She is preceded in death by her parents; and sisters, Charlotte and Dorothy.

Betty Smeltzer

April 6, 1925 - February 20, 2025



WHAT WILL MATTER

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end.

There will be no more sunrises,
no minutes, hours or days.

All the things you collected, whether treasured or
forgotten, will pass to someone else.

Your wealth, fame and temporal power
will shrivel to irrelevance.

It will not matter what you owned
or what you were owed.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations and
jealousies will finally disappear.

So too, your hopes, ambitions,
plans and to-do lists will expire.

The wins and losses that once seemed
so important will fade away.

It won't matter where you came from or what side of
the tracks you lived on at the end.

It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant.
Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter?

How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought but what you
built, not what you got but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success
but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned
but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion,
courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or
encouraged others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your
competence but your character.

What will matter is not how many people you knew,
but how many will feel a lasting
loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories but the
memories of those who loved you.

What will matter is how long you will be remembered,
by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.

It's not a matter of circumstance,
it's a matter of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.



Betty Smeltzer

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, February 28, 2025 1:00 pm

Stevenson Funeral Home

Baker, Montana

OFFICIATING

Pastor Jim Biswell

INTERMENT

Bonnievale Cemetery

Baker, Montana

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home

Baker, Montana

*Coffee and cookies will be served
at the funeral home following
the graveside service.*

Everyone is welcome.