



Ann Marie McRae

January 15, 1950 - February 8, 2023

Ann Marie McRae, 73, of Glendive, Montana passed away on Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 at home surrounded by family. A Celebration of Her Life luncheon will be held Thursday, February 16th, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the Moose Lodge in Glendive.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents George and Fran Volkert, her sister Chris Bauer, her Aunt Helen Volkert, and her Father-in-law Donald McRae.

Her beginning started in Minneapolis, MN, being the first daughter of four children. She gravitated toward horses regardless of her metropolitan roots and met a friend with similar interests. They traveled the Midwest together with a Chevy and a 2-place horse trailer stopping to ride and make money along their journeys. Shortly after arriving in Miles City the trusty Chevy stunted their travels and she began entering rodeos and fulfilling her passion for life wrapped around the barrels. Naturally, her beautiful blonde locks secured the interest of Alan and they were married only months later. She became a favorite of his family quickly and was bound to be kept by them due to her pure love and kindness. Alan and Ann began their family a few years later but the horse riding was not about to be halted. Each daughter had their first riding experience before birth which continued whether they were interested or not.

In 1983, the family moved from Ismay, MT, and started a homestead just west of Glendive. Since her mind and legs had no time for rest, she encouraged the

girls to learn more about animals and participate in 4-H, as a side quest to managing Taco Johns. As the girls got older, she changed employment and became one of the school cooks at Washington Middle School with afternoons worked at Border Steel.

The Eastern Montana Horse Show circuit was started to encourage riders to get together and show off their prized horses and talents which consumed her every summer. She lived and breathed for horse events, training, teaching, and just plain riding. Her involvement in many offerings of the community was vast and she was never last to lend a hand for any reason, leader and teacher in 4-H, school board member, concession leader for sports and many more. There was no stopping her, she gave and did not expect to receive because she loved just being able to help those around her. She was a devoted Wife, Mother and Grandmother taking care of all their needs at any time.

She is survived by her husband Alan McRae; daughters Aimee (Mark) Blankenship, Lisa (Josh) McRae, Ryann (Brady) Smelser, and Erin (Brent) Williams; brothers George Volkert and Robert (Nancy) Volkert; her Mother in law Ina McRae; and her largely loved grandchildren totaling 6; as well as a plethora of extended family and friends.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Celebration

FEB **16**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Loyal Order of Moose
415 N Merrill Ave
Glendive, MT 59330-1729
(406) 377-2611

Tribute Wall

ST

“ *Stacey lit a candle in memory of Ann McRae*



Stacey - February 19, 2023 at 11:27 AM

DG

“ *Alan, so sorry to hear of the loss of your wife. My thoughts are with you.*

David Goss - February 18, 2023 at 11:49 AM

JT

“ *We are so very sorry Alan and girls for your loss of your wife and mother. She was a special lady that left very great friend and 4H memories with us. She will be missed. I am sure she will be with her perfect horse in heaven* ❤️



Jim & Robin Trangmoe - February 15, 2023 at 10:14 PM

BJ

“ *Alan, our prayers are with you and the kids. Ann was a very special gal. We both have Doctor appointments or we would join you at the Moose. Know that your all on our minds.*



Bob and Dixie Justice - February 14, 2023 at 09:23 PM

UA

“ *Uncle Art purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Ann Marie McRae.*



Uncle Art - February 14, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Ann Marie McRae.*



February 13, 2023 at 04:36 PM

LI

“ *Sending prayers to the McRae Family Gary and Lynn Ingraham*



lynn ingraham - February 12, 2023 at 10:11 PM

MM

“ *I met Ann through 4-H and absolutely loved visiting with her whenever we met up. She was a Wonderful lady and always had a such a Captivating Smile. My Deepest Sympathy for Alan and the Girls.*



Mary Mooer - February 12, 2023 at 05:55 PM

LI

“ *Sending prayers to Ann’s family.
Gary and Lynn Ingraham*



lynn ingraham - February 11, 2023 at 01:30 PM

KS

“ *Kent, Sheri, Katie & Kyle Shepherd purchased
the Arrive in Style for the family of Ann Marie
McRae.*



Kent, Sheri, Katie & Kyle Shepherd - February 10, 2023 at
07:49 PM

BK

“ *Brooke Kragt lit a candle in memory of Ann
McRae*



Brooke Trangmoe Kragt - February 10, 2023 at 04:46 PM

DV

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the McRae
family at this difficult time 🙏 Ann was an
amazing woman and could accomplish
anything she put her mind to. Rest in Peace
Ann.*



Deb Pete Vogel - February 10, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ann Marie McRae.* ”



February 10, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ *GMC Hospice lit a candle in memory of Ann McRae* ”



GMC Hospice - February 10, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Grace Evinrude lit a candle in memory of Ann McRae* ”



Grace Koffler Evinrude - February 10, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Ann Marie McRae.* ”



February 10, 2023 at 06:47 AM

KS

“ So sorry for your loss. Your mom and wife was an amazing lady. She will be truly missed by all who knew her. The memories I have will be cherished forever. My she RIP! Thoughts and prayers are with you all durning this difficult time.
Kelly (Granmoe) Strecker

kelly steecker - February 10, 2023 at 12:38 AM

RB

“ Prayers and thoughts are sent your way. Alan, girls and families. Sorry for your loss, Ann was a special person, one of a kind.

Renee and Gary Bennett - February 09, 2023 at 07:14 PM

BJ

“ We will miss Ann's Celebration of Her Life luncheon. She was help to me at the Church that I will not forget. You all are in our prayers!



Bob and Dixie Justice - February 09, 2023 at 06:10 PM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss. I meet Ann when the kids were in 4H. She will be Truly missed.



Daryl and Betty Lou Dekaye - February 09, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Ann Marie McRae.*



February 09, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ *I was fortunate enough to meet Ann through her brother, George, when she came to Minnesota for visits. Her smile was engaging. George, Natalie and Aaron I am sending you all my love during this difficult time.*

Kathy Eveslage - February 09, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ *Donna Slupczynski lit a candle in memory of Ann McRae*



Donna Slupczynski - February 09, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ann Marie McRae.*



February 09, 2023 at 01:47 PM

KS

“ *Katrina Schultz lit a candle in memory of Ann McRae*



Katrina Schultz - February 09, 2023 at 12:05 PM

DB

“ *Our deepest sympathies during your time of loss.*



Dale & Alisa Boehning - February 09, 2023 at 11:34 AM

MO

“ *So sorry to hear of Ann's passing. We met Ann years ago through the Eastern Montana Horse Show Circuit. Her passion was evident, both for equestrian events and for sharing and helping others in that arena of life. Yes, always kind and always encouraging and always positive. Condolences to her family!*

Madonna Oech - February 09, 2023 at 11:15 AM

DD

“ *Dan Donna Dobson lit a candle in memory of Ann McRae*



Dan and Donna Dobson - February 09, 2023 at 10:54 AM

CG

“ So sorry to hear of her passing. She was truly one of the most caring people- my daughter and I met her one summer when starting in the EMHSC and she was so welcoming and helpful. The following summers I always looked forward to seeing her smiling face. She loved to talk about her kids and grandkids. So sorry for you all. - Christina Gaub

Christina Gaub - February 09, 2023 at 10:42 AM

LY

“ Alan, Aimee, Ryann and Erin. Ann fought a hard fight with you all by her side the whole way! She was the toughest woman I knew. Her love for family and horses was amazing! So many memories of your mom and our horses! She will be truly missed! Keeping you all in my prayers during this difficult time!

lisa yakel - February 09, 2023 at 10:12 AM

LY

My apologies I missed Lisa. Love to you all!

lisa yakel - February 09, 2023 at 12:31 PM

LY

“ lisa yakel lit a candle in memory of Ann McRae



lisa yakel - February 09, 2023 at 10:10 AM

AM

“ *Amber McPherson lit a candle in memory of Ann McRae*



Amber McPherson - February 09, 2023 at 01:48 AM

JS

“ *I met Ann in the late 80's while competing at a horse show. I never saw a frown, only the sweetest of smiles. Our sincere condolences to Alan, Aimee, Lisa, Ryann, Erin and their families.*



Jackie Vogele Sprankle - February 08, 2023 at 10:04 PM

LG

“ *So sorry for your loss, Alan. Laura Grzanic...Belfield, ND*



Laura Grzanic - February 08, 2023 at 08:47 PM

TR

“ *Ann was a true leader and helper in horsemanship in the Glendive. RIP Ann*



Tom and Patty Reynolds - February 08, 2023 at 08:28 PM

VD

“ *Rest in peace my friend. Thoughts and prayers to the family. Keep those memories close to your heart.* ”

Valerie Dekker - February 08, 2023 at 07:56 PM

MM

“ *Marla McCormick lit a candle in memory of Ann McRae* ”



Marla McCormick - February 08, 2023 at 07:18 PM