



Bonita Alice Pulse

March 1, 1930 - October 13, 2025

Bonita Alice "Tunk" Pulse, 95, of Glendive, Montana, our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend passed peacefully on Monday, October 13, 2025, at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux, Montana. She is now joined with her love, Don, and many family members and friends for eternity. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 AM, Monday, October 27, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Francis Schreiber officiating. Rite of Committal will follow in Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with arrangements.

Tunk was born in Camp Crook, SD to Victor and Charm Waterland. She attended primary school at the Waterland School in Capital, MT., joined by her siblings, Victor, Paul, Delores, and Charles "Swede" and her Waterland cousins from the adjoining ranch. This deep bond of love and family forged during the depression years remained her touchstone throughout her life.

Don and Tunk met at the county fair in Ekalaka while she was attending high school in Ekalaka. They were married in 1948 and began a lifelong journey together for 72 years.

They welcomed daughter, LaTisha in 1950 and moved to Glendive where Dad started barbering in 1951. Son Dake was born in 1952. They made Glendive

their home over all those years. Supporting all youth sporting events, Lions Club activities, attending church dinners of all denominations. They loved their community. Wherever they lived in town their home was always a welcoming place for family and friends.

Mom's cooking was always a favorite and she made sure she served everyone's favorite dish. She put her talents to work when she went to work in Food Service at Eastmont in 1967. She retired in 1992 after 25 years of faithful service and cherished her friendships developed there and had fond memories of the residents.

Mom and Dad enjoyed their years of retirement fishing as often as they wanted to at McGuire Creek. They enjoyed going out on their boat and playing countless games of rummy in their camper. Mom was a faithful member of Sacred Heart Church and enjoyed singing in the choir during her later years.

Nothing gave Mom more joy than welcoming a new grandchild. She would arrive as soon as possible to shower them with love. Her love of family drove her to organize many family reunions-several held at the Lions Camp in Makoshika.

Mom is survived by daughter, LaTisha Starbuck and her children Kimberly Nelson (Scott), Brian Bohl (Krystal), Michelle Lyster(Cody), and Meagan Pierson (Paul); son, Dake Pulse (Irina) and his children Gabriel Pulse, Alex Tsomaya (Maria), and Victor Pulse (Nichole); fourteen great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Don; sons-in-law, Stewart and Gene; and all of her siblings.

Whenever our family is gathered around a table, fishing on a lake, or

attending a baseball game we will feel the circle of love provided by Dad and Mom.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.SilhaFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 27. 10:00 AM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
316 West Benham Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Rite of Committal

OCT 27. 11:00 AM (MT)

Dawson Memorial Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

WH

“ *Wibaux County Nursing Home lit a candle in memory of Bonita Pulse*



Wibaux County Nursing Home - October 31, 2025 at 01:20 PM

PM

“ *Pat & Brenda Mischel lit a candle in memory of Bonita Pulse*



Pat & Brenda Mischel - October 26, 2025 at 11:50 AM

MG

“ *Margaret Gibbs purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Bonita Alice Pulse.*



Margaret Gibbs - October 25, 2025 at 10:12 AM

MG

“ *Margaret Gibbs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonita Alice Pulse.*

Margaret Gibbs - October 25, 2025 at 10:12 AM

PS

“ *Sending our condolences to Dake and Family.
Jim & Pam Sundsted*

Pam Sundsted - October 24, 2025 at 01:07 PM

MG

“ *Marlene Gehnert lit a candle in memory of
Bonita Pulse*



Marlene Gehnert - October 22, 2025 at 06:54 AM

JL

“ *Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of
Bonita Pulse*



Janette Legato - October 19, 2025 at 06:35 PM

RW

“ *Our prayers go out to your family. Mom (Liz Winhofer) would always
talk about Tunk. Sorry to hear of your loss.*

Ric Winhofer - October 16, 2025 at 06:43 PM

RW

“ Ric Winhofer lit a candle in memory of Bonita Alice Pulse



Ric Winhofer - October 16, 2025 at 06:40 PM

MC

“ My condolences 🙏 to Gabe and his children, along with their families. It's so hard to lose a grandmother, and she was a great lady. I sang with her and got to know her a bit in the church choir, many moons ago! May she rest in peace 🙏. May you, find peace and comfort.



Marni Chaska - October 16, 2025 at 04:57 PM

TK

“ Terry and Deb Knapp lit a candle in memory of Bonita Pulse



Terry and Deb Knapp - October 16, 2025 at 10:20 AM

BB

“ Bobbie Becker lit a candle in memory of Bonita Pulse



Bobbie Becker - October 15, 2025 at 03:10 PM

RD

“ My very deepest sympathy to the Pulse family in the loss of your mother. She was a wonderful lady. I so enjoyed. The time and visits we had, I will miss her. May she rest in. Peace.



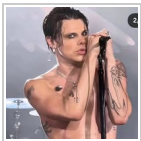
Rita Van Dusen - October 14, 2025 at 11:14 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.
Kymberley (Sell) Allen and family



Kymberley Allen - October 14, 2025 at 08:38 PM



“ Kymberley Allen lit a candle in memory of Bonita Alice Pulse



Kymberley Allen - October 14, 2025 at 08:36 PM

LB

“ I was young and had one year of college completed when I was hired on a temporary basis to work at Eastmont. I'll never forget how welcoming Tunk was to me. She introduced me to the rest of the staff & the precious residents. Tunk's cooking & baking skills were out of this world delicious! Thank you Tunk for your kindness and long friendship. God's blessings to you and your beautiful family. 💖💖

Linda R Baldwin - October 14, 2025 at 08:08 PM

RD

“ My very deepest sympathy to the Pulse family in the loss of your dear mother , she was such a sweet lady and I so enjoyed The nice visits we had. I will miss her. May she Rest In Peace.



Rita Van Dusen - October 14, 2025 at 05:16 PM

SF

“ My prayers and sympathy on the death of your mother. May God grant her eternal happiness and peace and comfort to your family. I will have a Mass offered by the Carmelites from the Shrine of the Little Flower in Darien, Illinois. God bless. S. Marjorie Feuerborn

S. Marjorie Feuerborn - October 14, 2025 at 05:12 PM

DV

“ Deb Pete Vogel lit a candle in memory of Bonita Alice Pulse



Deb Pete Vogel - October 14, 2025 at 03:51 PM

AR

“ Andeen A Raymond lit a candle in memory of Bonita Alice Pulse



Andeen A Raymond - October 14, 2025 at 03:45 PM

WM

“ *Walter McKeen lit a candle in memory of Bonita Alice Pulse*



Walter McKeen - October 14, 2025 at 05:09 AM

AW

“ *I worked at Eastmont while Tunk was a cook there. She was so fun. I also knew her as a very good friend of my moms, Iona Schmidt. It was always a pleasure to run into Tunk - she was always so friendly & had a genuine interest in how we were doing. May she rest in peace.*

Arnell Wagner - October 13, 2025 at 10:31 PM