



## Carmen "Billie" Loretta Van Horn

April 21, 1935 - May 24, 2021

Carmen Loretta "Billie" Van Horn, 86, passed away peacefully on May 24th, 2021 in the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux, MT. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, August 6, 2021 at the First Lutheran Church in Beach, ND with Pastor Roger Dieterle officiating. Interment will take place at Sentinel Butte Cemetery in Sentinel Butte, ND. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Billie was the eleventh of twelve children born of Carl and Anna (Mahlstedt) Etzel. She was born April 21st, 1935 on the family farm near Savage, MT. Billie attended a country grade school, Breezy Flats, then graduated from Savage High School in 1953 as vice president and salutatorian of her class. She had many happy memories of growing up on the farm and always spoke fondly of her brothers and sisters, and of her "Pa and Ma". After graduation, she lived in Glendive, MT with her sisters and worked at MDU.

Billie married Bob Van Horn on January 7th, 1956 in Glendive. Bob, chasing many exploits and dreams, landed the family in Canada, WA, MT, WY, and KS. This quite possibly earned Billie a crown in heaven for her patience during this time! Billie finally put her foot down and they ultimately settled in Beach in 1971 and raised their children there. Hazel Hasselstrom, Billie's mother-in-law, lived close by in Sentinel Butte, allowing them a very special relationship.

Billie worked at Lincoln Elementary School and later at Farmers and Merchants Bank in Beach until her retirement in 2008.

Billie loved to read and garden, hold big family get-togethers and have coffee

with her friends. She enjoyed sharing treats and drinks in her screened in porch. Billie loved to decorate for holidays, especially at Christmas time and was an excellent cook and will be remembered for her cinnamon rolls and pancakes. She loved a good laugh, a good argument, country music and she loved to dance.

Billie was preceded in death by her husband, Bob in November 1979; an infant son; her parents; Carl and Anna Etzel; her sisters, Emma Albrecht, Ethel Fordyce, Helen McMichael, Marie Etzel, Evelyn Etzel, Irene Robson, Carla Jean Stortz and her brothers, Robert Etzel and Harold Etzel.

Billie is survived by their six children, Dawn Zook (Rick) of Fargo, ND, Toni Jandt (Robin) of Beach, Terri Christensen (Bill) of Queen Creek, AZ, Wendy St. John (Bobby) of Sheridan, WY, Alvin Van Horn (Lynn) of Glen Allen, VA and Brad Van Horn of Beach; her thirteen grandchildren, Trina Montplaisir (Keith), Jason Zook (Shea), Tayon Braaflat (Jeremy), Tory Jandt (Heather), Tani Moberg (Scott), Tyler Jandt (Ashley), Ericka Deal (Jay), Nathan Christensen (Megyn), Laci Brumbry (Andrés), Jacob St. John (Seeley), Jordan Van Horn, Ryan Van Horn and Jackson Van Horn; twenty-one great-grandchildren, Ben, Alex and Kate Montplaisir, Elliot, Lee and Finley Zook, Trinn, Allie and Kyra Nybaaken, Aleah and Harper Braaflat, Gavin, Brody and Hazel Jandt, Ivy and Lyla Moberg, Addison and Easton Deal, Leah and Sofia Brumbry, and Avery St. John; her sister, Kathleen Wilson (Vernon) of Savage; her brother, Carl Jr. Etzel (MaryLu) of Missoula, MT and by many nieces and nephews

Billie's family would like to acknowledge her best and lifelong friends, Rella Abernethy, Sally Abernethy, Darlene Gundlach and Bonnie Underwood. Thank you for your support and love.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Sentinel Butte Cemetery

Sentinel Butte, ND 58654

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 6. 11:00 AM (MT)

First Lutheran Church  
225 2nd Ave SE  
Beach, ND 58621

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carmen "Billie" Loretta Van Horn*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *117 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Silha Funeral Home** - August 06, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *We send our prayers to all of Billy's family. She is surely missed in our church family! Love and prayers, Tom and Jo Heckaman*

**Jo Heckaman** - August 04, 2021 at 10:25 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Carmen "Billie" Loretta Van Horn.*



August 04, 2021 at 09:03 PM

CK

“ *Billie will be so missed! Heck, I was at your house more than my own!!! So many memories. I sure wish I could get up there. Thoughts to you Brad, and all of the Van Horn family. -- Clark*

Clark Knopik - August 04, 2021 at 11:54 AM

WT

“ *What a great lady! She was always so kind and always wanted to make sure I was taken care of whenever I was over hanging out with Brad. And, tough as nails! I was always amazed at what she did and could do. She always put others first. May she Rest In Peace.*

Wes Thoenke - August 04, 2021 at 05:51 AM

CC

“ *Sending of love and condolences! Billie was such a special woman and I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to spend time with her!* 🙏💕🙏💕🙏

caroline christensen - August 03, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carmen "Billie" Loretta Van Horn.*



August 03, 2021 at 01:13 PM

JO

“ I sure miss Billie. She was great to work with. We shared birthday month every year. Loved her one liners that would catch us off guard. We had a lot of laughs through the years. Sending Love, Thoughts, and Prayers to her Family and Friends.



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**Janel and Bud Ordahl** - June 11, 2021 at 02:38 PM

BD

“ Aunt Billie had such a contagious laughter. She always made us feel like we were special when we came to visit . Her dedication and love to our grandmother (Hazel) was heartfelt I cannot ever be more thankful. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. She will be missed. Love you forever Bobbi Jane

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**Bobbi Doran** - June 04, 2021 at 08:54 PM

BS

“ Betty Goss Shearer lit a candle in memory of Carmen "Billie" Loretta Van Horn



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**Betty Goss Shearer** - June 01, 2021 at 09:29 PM

BS

“ Billie was a student of mine many years ago in Savage. She was a talented young person and I know she will be missed by her many friends and family

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**Betty Goss Shearer** - June 01, 2021 at 09:28 PM

JO

“ *Billie you and my mom being neighbors was so fun and your visits to my mom thru her cancer were and are always appreciated ,im so sorry for all you have been thru and will always remember you as a wonderful person , may your family find peace with you being gone ,a hug to you all ! Your mom was a good lady , she would tell me jack all the kids are coming home and great memories were made ,sure am missing her ,my thoughts ,prayers and concerns to all her family ,i can always remember her alley entrance all the great visits ,coffee and dinners on my mom's patio and good sally coming at out to rellas they would go ,rest in peace billie you were and are appreciated by me , jack osterhout , los ang , ca*

Jack osterhout - May 30, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *So sorry to see this. May you find peace in her memory. God Bless you all. Carol and Val.*

Carol TescherObrigewitch - May 28, 2021 at 10:34 AM

SW

“ *Shirley Wolff lit a candle in memory of Carmen "Billie" Loretta Van Horn*



shirley wolff - May 28, 2021 at 01:28 AM