



Clara Francis Portscheller

October 13, 1928 - March 29, 2021

. Clara Francis Portscheller, age 92, passed away on Monday, March 29, 2021, at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux, MT. Visitation will be from 6:00 P.M. MDT until 7:00 P.M. MDT with a Vigil Service at 7:00 P.M. MDT on Sunday, April 4, 2021, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Golva, ND. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. MDT at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Daniel Berg officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Clara was born October 13, 1928, in Mott, ND, to Max and Francis (Reith) Mayer, the youngest of eight children. She attended school through the eighth grade. Clara married Frank Portscheller on April 8, 1948, at St. Stephen's Church in rural Richardton, ND. They resided for a short time in Richardton before moving to Golva in 1954. Clara started working at Norb's Silver Front Bar shortly after moving there, and continued in that profession until 1996. While working at the bar, Clara enjoyed playing cribbage, whist, and pinochle with regular customers. She was very competitive and loved playing those games as well as scrabble, horseshoe and doing crossword puzzles with her family and friends. In fact, for those of you familiar with the Merriam-Webster dictionary, if you look up the word stubborn you might see Clara's picture prominently displayed.

Clara was a member of St. Mary's Church, taught CCD, cleaned the parish rectory, did the church bookkeeping, and served on the parish council for many years. She was also a charter member of the VFW Auxiliary. Clara did

the bookwork for the city of Golva and worked for Golva Public School in many capacities. She was instrumental in helping many organizations with their fund raising and was widely known for her caramel rolls and sour cream twists, which she shared with everyone.

Clara was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; her parents, Max and Francis Mayer; her sisters and their husbands, Eva and Arnold Grosz, Evelyn and Wally Higgins, Elizabeth and Hank Luckey, and Irene and Pete Jorda; her brothers and their wives, William, Nick and Kathy, and Edward; in-laws Emil, John and Joe Portscheller, and son-in-law, James Schulte.

Clara is survived by her daughters, Peg Portscheller (Ava Lanes) of Parachute, CO, Lori Schulte of Golva and her five children, Jeremy (Melissa Gunkel and their two children, Regan and Drake), Jesse (Sarah Gunkel and their four children, Griffin, Slater, Sophia, and Ozwald), Josh (Leigha Gunkel), Kiffin Howard, and MiKayla Howard; and Connie of Minot, ND; and her sons, Frank of Fargo, ND, and Russ of Parker, CO and his son, Christopher (and daughter, Leighton).

Live streaming of the service is available with pre-approval on the Tri-Parish Beach-Golva-Medora Facebook Page: Tri-Parish Catholic Beach-Golva-Medora (facebook.com). Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Golva, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
405 Gass Street
Golva, ND

Vigil Service

APR 4. 7:00 PM (MT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
405 Gass Street
Golva, ND

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 5. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
405 Gass Street
Golva, ND

Tribute Wall



“ *Clara Francis Portscheller*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *"God grant Eternal peace to Clara!" I have good memories of Clara when I was a pastoral associate in Beach, Golva and Sentinel Butte in 1982-8. She was pleased when I told her that my mother's name was Clara. She always made me feel welcome. Sister Lorraine Schmaltz Fargo, ND*

Lorraine Schmaltz - April 07, 2021 at 05:03 PM



“ *Just saw Clara's obituary in the Fargo Forum. We send our sympathy and prayers to her family. I have relatives in Golva and when visiting, we spent our share of time at the bar. We loved visiting with Clara, seeing her made our yearly visit complete. She was a Golva staple, and was missed when she left the bar.*

pam & richard schneider - April 07, 2021 at 04:21 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Peg, Ava, and family. Sending prayers. Nancy Johnson*

Nancy Johnson - April 07, 2021 at 03:40 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss Peg and family.*

NANCY RAKNESS - April 04, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clara Francis Portscheller.



April 02, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clara Francis Portscheller.



April 01, 2021 at 09:49 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Clara Francis Portscheller.



April 01, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara Francis Portscheller.



April 01, 2021 at 11:08 AM

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“ *Crystal Eide purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Clara Francis Portscheller.*



Crystal Eide - April 01, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara Francis Portscheller.*



March 31, 2021 at 11:29 PM

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“ *Sending our love and prayers. Clara was a very special lady. We always enjoyed our visits with her. She will be dearly missed!*
Paul and Carol Finneman

Carol Finneman - March 31, 2021 at 09:27 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara Francis Portscheller.*



March 31, 2021 at 08:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Clara Francis Portscheller.*



March 31, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ *Carolyn, Shannon, and Renee - Court Administration purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Clara Francis Portscheller.*



Carolyn, Shannon, and Renee - Court Administration - March 31, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ *Roza and Jay purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Clara Francis Portscheller.*



Roza and Jay - March 31, 2021 at 07:20 AM