



Cleo N. Reil

April 26, 1941 - December 12, 2024

Cleo Nathalea Reil, age 83, passed away in her home on December 12, 2024. She was born on April 26, 1941, to Marion Bowden Nance and Mabel Lorraine (Cheetham) in Grand Junction Colorado and grew up in California as the second to youngest in a family of five children. Cleo met her first husband Charles Oakes while he was in the Navy in California, and they had two children, Lori and Cara. In 1967, Cleo and Charles moved their small family to Glendive Montana, where Cleo lived for the remainder of her life. She later divorced Charles and years later, married Pete Reil.

Cleo was known in her community for her loving, kind, and generous heart. You never found her without a smile and a conversation about loved ones. She was a CNA for 20+ years, worked at Eastmont for 19 years and provided Home Health/Elder Care long into her own “elder” years. Cleo was a caregiver, if nothing less. After she retired, Cleo was a Pink Lady and volunteered at the Attic in Glendive and she always brought home treasures that were “practically brand new!” Most recently, Cleo started volunteering at the greeter’s desk at the hospital. She was life-long member with the Women of the Moose and held memberships with the VFW and American Legion for many years. Cleo was also a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Cleo’s oldest granddaughter, Tessa, graduated high school and moved in with her in 2000. They were two peas in a pod and did lots of things together. Cleo

moved with Tessa and Tessa's new husband, Paul, to Helena in 2022. Paul and Cleo were quick to become partners in crime, often bickering between themselves and ganging up on Tessa. Paul was quickly accepted as a member of the family and Cleo loved having an extra grandson. Paul unexpectedly passed away in the beginning of this year, so Tessa and Cleo moved back to Glendive to be around their family and friends. They quickly fell into old routines and spent time surrounded by loved ones.

Cleo is preceded in death by her parents; sisters Carolyn, Carmeleta, Charlotte, and brother James. She is also preceded by Charles Oakes, husband Pete Reil and grandson Paul Conway.

Cleo is survived by her daughters, Lori Gaugler and Cara Oakes; sister-in-law, Betty Sattler; grandchildren, Tessa Hajek-Conway (Paul), Shelby (Trevor) Field, Brooke (Justin) Causey, Samantha Nation, Joshua Nation, Lily Nation; great-grandchildren, Cooper, Dallin, Grayson, Tucker, Luke, Keeana, Morgan, Phoenix, Victoria, Porschea, Tap, Taya, and Jacob; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

There will be a memorial service held in the spring of 2025. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

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

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Sorry for Alls liss*



sue nentwig schwindt - December 17, 2024 at 12:22 AM

DV

“ *Deb Pete Vogel lit a candle in memory of Cleo Reil*



Deb Pete Vogel - December 16, 2024 at 11:47 PM

BJ

“ *She wanted to take care of me several years ago. She would mention it several times. She was one of the best. Tessa her heart was full of love for you* ❤️



Bob and Dixie Justice - December 16, 2024 at 03:11 PM

MG

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.. she was such a neat lady!! with lots of spunk!!! you will be in my thoughts and prayers!!*

Melissa Powell Gullikson - December 16, 2024 at 01:06 PM

TD

“ *Lori, Cara, Tessa and family~ So sorry for your loss of Cleo. Sending prayers to all of you.*



Tammy Dey - December 15, 2024 at 03:23 PM

KY

“ *Cleo was such a sweetheart anytime I was around her! Tessa honey you're in my thoughts and prayers!* □



Kylie Youngkin - December 15, 2024 at 11:38 AM

RB

“ *Rick and Karen Berg lit a candle in memory of Cleo Reil*



Rick and Karen Berg - December 15, 2024 at 11:35 AM

LK

“ *Leigh Ann (Kuehn) Kirkland lit a candle in memory of Cleo Reil*



Leigh Ann (Kuehn) Kirkland - December 15, 2024 at 08:52 AM

SB

“ So sorry to hear about Cleo passing. She will be missed.

Sharon Bain - December 14, 2024 at 06:51 PM

EL

“ Eula Langton lit a candle in memory of Cleo Reil



Eula Langton - December 14, 2024 at 01:00 PM

GC

“ Cleo was a special lady, she will be missed ❤️❤️
Tessa you were so good to her and she loved you so much!!

Geri Cullinan - December 14, 2024 at 01:00 PM

DS

“ Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Cleo Reil



Denise Stoddart - December 14, 2024 at 03:39 AM

BT

“ Tessa I'm so sorry for your Loss of Grandma she loved you all so much! Cherish your Memories!
RIP Cleo
Becky Tipton

Becky Tipton - December 14, 2024 at 12:26 AM

RY

“ *Rita Young lit a candle in memory of Cleo Reil*



Rita Young - December 13, 2024 at 08:52 PM

AS

“ *Anita Spencer lit a candle in memory of Cleo Reil*



Anita Spencer - December 13, 2024 at 07:09 PM