



Cora Degel

May 24, 1926 - July 6, 2005

Cora Mae Degel, age 79, of Glendive and formerly of Sidney, passed away on July 1, 2005 at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care. A Vigil Service will be held at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 5, 2005 in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 6, 2005 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Benjamin Lobo officiating. Rite of committal will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Cora was born on May 24, 1926 in Coloma, Michigan, the daughter of Emery and Florence (Terrell) Carpenter. She was raised and educated in several small communities throughout the Midwest. She married Peter Degel on April 7, 1945 in Glendive. They resided in Sidney until 1979 when they moved to Glendive. Everyone loved Cora and she had numerous "adopted" children many of whom took pride in calling her "Mom". Cora's youthful spirit and great sense of humor made her a great conversationalist with young and old alike. Music was always a big part of her life as she enjoyed playing piano, singing and listening to all kinds of music. Often was the time when she would just break out into song in a lovely tenor voice. Cora also loved to dance never passing up an opportunity to do so until her legs just wouldn't allow her to stand for a full dance. She was also an excellent cook and took great pride in her cooking, including always having "mountains" of cookies and bars available for neighborhood kids and friends who would drop in for coffee. She even

operated a cottage business for a time decorating cakes and making candy. Her other talents included painting, knitting and playing bridge. Cora was a member of the Catholic Daughters, Sacred Heart Church Choir, Sugar Valley Sweet Adelines and a bridge club. She was preceded in death by her husband in February of 1984; her special friend, Ed Scherman in 2005 and her brother, Lewis Carpenter in 2005. Survivors include one son, Peter Degel of Billings, three daughters Diana Lewis of Hemet, California, Vicki Lapp and her husband Doug of Billings and Patty Dickenson and her husband Donald of McKinleyville, California; three sisters, Audrey Davis of White Sulphur Springs, Montana and Jeri Burman and Pat Smith and her husband Leroy, both of Glendive; one brother, Frank Carpenter and his wife Carol of Glendive; seven grandchildren.

Tribute Wall



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