



## Delma Franklin

December 8, 1928 - June 26, 2017

Delma Franklin, age 88, of Jamestown, North Dakota, formerly of Glendive, Montana, slipped away to meet her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, June 26, 2017 at her home in Jamestown surrounded by her family. A graveside service will take place on Friday, June 30, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. at Dawson County Cemetery with her son Reverend Dennis Franklin officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the local arrangements.

On December 8, 1928 Delma Van Dyke was born to William and Clara Van Dyke in Roundup, Montana. Delma was raised at Strawberry Acres, five miles west of Roundup, along with her nine brothers and sisters and received her education in Pine Hill Elementary School and Roundup High School.

On February 28, 1948, Delma married the love of her life, Harold (Denny) Franklin in Roundup. They settled in Glendive, where Denny worked for Sun Oil Service, and later moved to Plentywood where they owned their business, Franklin Hot Oil Service. In 1968, they moved to Jamestown where Delma and Denny co-owned Benson and Franklin Florist. In December 1971, they moved to Linton, North Dakota and owned the Willow's Motel until June of 1987, when they moved to Wibaux, Montana. They then settled in Glendive in 1990. While living in Glendive, they owned Franklin Enterprises, which was a wholesale dealership for fossils, gems, and minerals. Denny passed away unexpectedly on January 11, 1998.

Psalm 139:16, "All our days were written before any of them came into being".

Mom loved this verse and all the days that were written for her were spent loving and serving God. Delma always had a passion for souls and especially young people. Throughout her life she was greatly involved with Good News Club and she had life changing impacts on many young people all over the years. Many of those in their adult life would contact her to let her know that they were serving Christ because of the time they spent in her Good News Clubs or youth groups. She was very active in her church and loved serving God. She and Denny also served as youth leaders in Glendive, along with many other roles in the Assembly of God Churches wherever they were. In her later years, Delma had a prison ministry, and was responsible for getting many Bibles numbering in the thousands to inmates and writing personal letters on a daily basis to numbers of inmates sharing the love of Christ with them. Many of those inmates gave their hearts to Christ. They called Delma Mom!

As her Grandson Steve said of his Grandmother, "I have never met anyone in my life who desired to see her Savior more than my precious Grandma Delma. She endured this life with vim and vigor, positivity and productivity... but for her it was merely a rehearsal for her debut in Heaven. She has received the gift she cherished more than anything in life. She loved her family and friends dearly. But her love of God was unparalleled."

Delma is survived by two sisters, six children, sixteen grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Denny, four brothers and three sisters. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silhafuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN **30**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Dawson County Cemetery  
Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall



“ *Delma Franklin*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Delma and Denny, during their time in Linton, were friends with my grandparents Leo and Gladys Hughes. As a child when I would travel from Bismarck to Linton to visit my grandparents, I loved going with them out to the Willow's Motel to spend time with their friends. Denny and Delma, who loved kids, would pull out buckets of rocks and agates for me to dig through and would teach me about them. This inspired me to become a rockhound as well, and I still have and treasure the few agates they gifted to me over three decades ago.*

**Damon Williams** - August 12, 2021 at 05:44 PM



*I love hearing your memories of my mom & dad. Yes, they loved kids & were exceptional parents. I miss them dearly. Thanks for sharing that.*

**Peggy Franklin Gaub** - April 23 at 12:06 PM



“ *The Delma I knew loved the Lord and spoke of Him with such love & conviction in her heart. She adored her children and gave the a solid basis to their character while they grew up with her. She loved her husband, Denny, and spoke of their adventures. I loved her laugh and she was a tremendous Scrabble player and it was tough to win a game from her. I miss our talks together. So grateful that I got to know her a little while we were together in the same area. What a treasure.*

**LaRita G Sawyer** - December 19, 2020 at 08:59 AM

MG

*LaRita, thanks for your loving comments about our mother! She truly was one of a kind and we miss her so much! Both she and my father loved the Lord with all their hearts and were always ready to reach out to others in need. Plus they loved life and were very fun loving. We miss them so much, but are thankful they are enjoying the everlasting joys of heaven!*

Marvin and Peg Gaub - April 05, 2021 at 11:26 AM

ER

“ *she was a very nice woman, when i was in prison she reconforted me with a lot of good stuff and even with money that she sent me to buy a fan. mss. Delma always had something very reconforting to say to me that i wouldnt be sad or feeling down. she was a very wonderful partner in the church of the Lord Jesus tthat she wrote me many leters by her oun hand something nobody would do when youre in prison noteven your oun mother. God bless mss delma and keep her in one of the best places hes prepare for us in heaven. ripmssdelma an incomparable friend forever. thank you mss Delma Franklin*

eduardo rivera reyes - September 29, 2020 at 02:22 AM

MG

*Thank you Eduardo for sharing your wonderful thoughts about my mother! She truly loved writing to the inmates and sharing the love of God with you. I remember her talking about you. When I visited mom in Oklahoma, it was awesome to read all the letters she received from inmates and to hear how the Lord had changed their lives. May the Lord bless you as you walk with Him daily!*

Marvin and Peg Gaub - April 05, 2021 at 11:22 AM

SK

“ Our love and thoughts are with the family at this time. What a blessing to read of her life lived for Jesus! We did not know Dalma personally, but we do know daughter Shirley and she exhibits the same love for the LORD! May God be your support in the coming days.

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**Sue Kroeker** - July 01, 2017 at 02:13 PM

WK

“ With Love From Debby Kirchhevel purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Delma Franklin.



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**With Love From Debby Kirchhevel** - June 28, 2017 at 10:46 AM

VJ

“ Delma was such a wonderful woman. I was always welcome in her home. She had the best laugh and she loved her Jesus so very much. Such a party in heaven as she is worshipping her Lord!!  
Virginia Grubaugh Johnston

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**Virginia Johnston** - June 27, 2017 at 09:17 PM