



## Diane Wash

June 21, 1944 - May 5, 2011

Broadus, Montana: Diane Wash, age 66, passed away on Friday, April 29, 2011 at the Billings Deaconess Hospital in Billings, Montana. Visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 and 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, Montana. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 5, 2011 in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home with Pastor Ruth McKenzie officiating. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, May 6, 2011 at the Powder River Congregational Church in Broadus with Pastor Karalee Mulkey officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Dorothy Diane Davidson Wash was born on June 21, 1944, in Napa, California, to Dorothy "Dottie" (Hunt) and Clyde W. Davidson while Clyde was serving overseas in World War II. After Clyde was discharged from the Army in the fall of 1945, the family moved to the Union community where Diane attended grade school and later graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1962. She was employed at the Dawson County Assessor's Office until the time of her marriage to Glen Taylor on November 8, 1963. They were later divorced in 2005. She lived at the Taylor family ranch until November of 1965, when they moved to Big Sandy, Montana, and were employed at the IX Ranch, living there until the fall of 1971. They moved back to the Taylor ranch northwest of Circle, Montana, which they eventually purchased a part of. Diane was a working partner of the ranch for many years,

while raising their four children, and a nephew, Gary. Her children were a very important part of her life. While they attended school in Circle, she moved into town to be with them. She tried to always be there for them. She was a second mother to Glenda and Lynn Heitz during their school years in Circle also. She began working at The Circle Banner in 1992, first as a part-time typist, then as assistant editor, ending a 7-year stint as Editor in 2001. From 1990-2003 she also worked part-time doing aerial photography for the Farm Service Agency in Eastern Montana—a job she truly loved! She also had a tanning bed business in her home in Circle for several years. She served as a 4-H leader of the Weldon Hustlers 4-H Club for many years, was a past member of the Prairie Elk Homemakers Club, served as secretary-treasurer of the Redwater Roping Club for several years, and Clerk of McCone County S. D. #6 for 10 years. She served as a member of the McCone Conservation District and on the McConha Board. She was also a notary public. In the fall of 2001 she moved to Miles City, Montana, when she purchased a restaurant, Jewels' Steak House & Lounge. In January 2004, when the restaurant closed, she moved to Broadus, where she remained until the time of her death. Diane married her soul mate, Glenn Wash, on August 3, 2006, in Broadus. They spent their “retired” years as self-employed truckers, hauling flatbed freight, seeing the country in their truck. Diane was in charge of the “business end,” finding the loads and collecting the bills. She also helped with some of the manual work involved with flatbedding. She loved the freedom of “being independent,” seeing “what the other half” lived like, and traveling—maybe a gypsy at heart. She often said that so much of the country was much different than she had ever imagined in her mind. She valued every minute she could spend with her grandchildren—which was never enough. She and Glenn always enjoyed an evening out dancing to good country music. She also enjoyed playing cards, playing piano and the accordion. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde W. and Dottie Davidson. Diane is survived by her loving best friend and husband, Glenn Wash of Broadus; son, Chad (Heidi) Taylor of rural Wolf Point, Montana, and their four sons, Chase, Dolan,

Grady and Bowen; daughter, MA SA Melanie A. Taylor of the U.S. Navy stationed in San Diego, California; special nephew, Gary Taylor of Billings; stepson, Jeff (Rebecca) Wash of Chamberlain, South Dakota; step-daughter Michelle (Mike) Caramella of Ely, Nevada; step-grandchildren, Orrin Parker and Sara Caramella of Ely; uncle, Wavel (Judy) Hunt of Summerville, Oregon; special 'sister' cousin Eileen (Jim) Treadway of Spearfish, South Dakota; special 'daughters' Glenda Heitz Burton of Great Falls, Montana, and Lynn Heitz Kelly of Circle; estranged daughters, Julie (Lester) Straub of Baker, Montana, and Wendy (Jason) Avitable of Billings; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com).

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