



## Elaine "Corky" Silha

October 12, 1929 - May 6, 2018

Elaine "Corky" Silha, age 88, of Glendive, Montana formerly of Bowman, North Dakota passed away on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at the Eastern Montana Veteran's Home in Glendive following a short illness. Visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Life Tribute Service will be at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at the Silha Funeral Home with Deacon Bob Ackerman and Sandy Silha officiating. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at St. Charles Catholic Church in Bowman with Father Charles Zins officiating. Interment will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, May 11, 2018 in the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, South Dakota. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Corky was born in Bowman on October 12, 1929, the daughter of Lambert and Amanda (Walker) Olson. The third of four children, she attended Bowman schools, graduating from Bowman High School with the Class of 1947. She married the love of her life, Earl "Red" Silha on June 14, 1947. Corky and Red farmed in the Bowman/Scranton, North Dakota area their entire married life. Corky and Red were blessed with two sons, Lee and Lance. As a young woman, Corky enjoyed dancing, bowling, walking, and playing cards with friends. She was also her mother's best friend. As she got older, she enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren in their sporting events and she was rarely without a set of knitting needles in her hands. She knitted many

sweaters for family and friends and Christmas stockings for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. As she grew older she began playing bridge with her lady friends and the games that they played became a passion.

She always enjoyed cooking and holiday meals where she could gather her family around her. She loved reading cookbooks and perusing all of the recipes that had the potential for her to try.

Corky and Red retired from farming in 1994 to live in Bowman. Red preceded Corky in death in May of 1995 and she continued to live in Bowman until moving to Glendive in 2011 because of health issues and to be closer to her son. While in Glendive, Corky became a college student at Dawson Community College, taking history classes, a subject she thoroughly enjoyed. She loved to attend the DCC sporting events, especially the basketball games and it gave her great pleasure to participate in the "alumni night" events because of her status of having been a student there. She was an avid reader and read countless mystery novels, many times having three or four that she was reading at one time.

Corky was the ultimate wife and mother and her family always came first. She was forever interested in what was going on in her family's lives and kept track of all that her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were involved in. In February of 2016 she was blessed with her first great-great granddaughter whom she enjoyed immensely.

Survivors include her son, Lance Silha and his wife Sandy of Glendive; daughter-in-law, Diane Silha of Bowman; five grandsons, Brent and his wife Heather of Glendive, Tyler and his wife Angie of Glendive, Blake and his wife Tara of Belgrade, Montana, Cooper and his wife Lisa of Bismarck, North Dakota and Walker and his girlfriend Amy Dilly of Bismarck; eight great-grandchildren, Ethan Silha and Layna (Cody) Charlton of Billings, Montana, Jaden and Jaylene Silha of Glendive, and Lane, Colton, Easton, and Afton of Bismarck; and one great-great granddaughter, Paisley Charlton of Billings. Corky was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers in

infancy, an adolescent sister, and her son, Lee in 2007.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com) and at: [www.krebsbachfuneralservice.com](http://www.krebsbachfuneralservice.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Black Hills National Cemetery

Sturgis, SD

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana  
221 N. Meade Avenue  
P.O. Box 848  
Glendive, MT 59330  
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## Visitation

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## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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MAY **10.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

St. Charles Catholic Church  
202 1st Ave. SW  
Bowman, MT 58623

## **Graveside Service**

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MAY **11.** 10:00 AM (MT)

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, SD

# Tribute Wall



“ Elaine "Corky" Silha

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ Got to know Corky through bringing communion to her at the Heritage. She was always glad to see you. She will be missed.

**Jerry Glaser** - May 08, 2018 at 06:33 PM



“ Lance, Sandy and family, May all the wonderful memories comfort you, I am sorry for your lost. Sherilyn Senner Danielson

**Sherilyn** - May 08, 2018 at 11:21 AM



“ My deepest sympathy on the loss of your mom. What a great lady! The Perkins family shared lots of good memories with yours! I'll bet they are celebrating being reunited! Cherish the wonderful memories!

**Gayle Perkins** - May 08, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ Karen Schock lit a candle in memory of Elaine "Corky" Silha



**Karen Schock** - May 08, 2018 at 09:24 AM

AB

“Corky was our neighbor in Bowman. She had the best wit! She also made our family personalized stockings to hang up during Christmas. We will be praying for her and her family.

Amy Burke-Bergquist - May 08, 2018 at 07:11 AM

NK

“Nancy Korb lit a candle in memory of Elaine "Corky" Silha



Nancy Korb - May 07, 2018 at 06:30 PM

BT

“Silva Family I'm so sorry for your loss! Cherish your Memories!  
Becky Tipton

Becky Tipton - May 07, 2018 at 04:31 PM

TD

“Lance, Tyler and family- I'm so sorry for the loss of your loved one.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tammy Dey - May 07, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elaine "Corky" Silha.



May 07, 2018 at 03:17 PM

LG

“ So sorry for the loss of your mother, Lance. Laura Grzanic - Belfield, ND

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**Laura Grzanic** - May 07, 2018 at 01:05 PM

CG

“ Cindy Gregory lit a candle in memory of Elaine "Corky" Silha



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**Cindy Gregory** - May 07, 2018 at 10:11 AM