



Eleanor Williams

June 12, 1928 - November 30, 2024

Eleanor E. Williams, 96, of rural Glendive, MT, entered her eternal life Saturday, November 30 in Glendive. Eleanor's Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 am, Saturday, December 14, 2024 at Sacred Heart Church, Glendive with Fr. Francis Schreiber as celebrant. Interment will be at Dawson County Cemetery, Glendive MT. Visitation will be on Friday, December 13, from 6pm to 7pm at Silha Funeral Home, Glendive with a rosary and vigil at 7pm. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Eleanor Esther Williams was born in Glendive, Montana on June 12, 1928, to Owen M. Williams and Margaret (Cronin) Williams, the third of five children. She grew up in the badlands on the family place northeast of Glendive, Montana, where her family farmed and raised cattle. Her grade school education was at Loughborough School District # 62. The little white schoolhouse was two miles away, down a dusty road and across a section of open country. The kids walked or rode horseback five days a week. She was a devoted sister and daughter. She attended Dawson County High School in Glendive and graduated with the class of 1947.

Eleanor received a 2-year associate degree in Elementary Education from Eastern Montana College in Billings on June 6, 1949 and began her teaching career that Fall in Glendive. She later transferred to the College of Great Falls where she obtained a Bachelor's degree on August 5, 1958. She taught for 18

years at Washington, Jefferson, The Heights and Sacred Heart schools in Glendive. She returned to Eastern Montana College in 1969 and earned her Master's degree in Education with an emphasis on Reading in 1970. She taught Title IV reading at St. Labre Indian School in Ashland Montana for eight years. For six years she taught reading at Wibaux Elementary School until 1983 when she returned home to care for her aging mother until her death in 1990. She stayed at home to manage the family farm well into her nineties, spending her last few months at The Heritage in Glendive. She was a member of Sacred Heart Parish and cherished her Catholic faith.

Eleanor hosted many family Thanksgiving, Easter and branding dinners. Everyone in the family looked forward to her fantastic cooking: delicious, hardy pancakes for breakfast, (and then feeding the rest to her fascinating herd of cats), tender and tasty roasts and crisp baked potatoes for dinner, followed by chocolate cake with peanut butter frosting or some other equally scrumptious dessert. The kids enjoyed riding horse, going to the polliwog pond, shellacking pictures on rocks and pressing wildflowers into a scrapbook with her. She could identify all the local birds and flowers and was a font of information on the history of the farm and of the Loughborough Community. She was the heart of the family farm and made visiting it a formative experience for her fifteen nieces and nephews and their children.

Eleanor will be well remembered by her nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, family, friends, former students and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Owen and Margaret Williams, an infant sister, Kathryn, sister Lois O'Dea, nephew Tom O'Dea, and brothers James, Patrick and Michael Williams.

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

Cemetery Details

Dawson County Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Rosary/Vigil Service

DEC 13. 7:00 PM (MT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
316 West Benham Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Silha Funeral Home - December 17, 2024 at 11:30 AM

CD

“ *Oh Miss Eleanor, I am going to miss your sweet smile and soft spoken words. It was a pleasure getting to know you as your room service lady. You are truly an unforgettable, lovely soul.*

Chyna Damm - December 12, 2024 at 05:03 PM

SW

“ *Sheryl Walsh lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Williams*



Sheryl Walsh - December 11, 2024 at 06:00 PM

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“ *The family of Timothy O'Dea purchased the Lave nnder Reflections Spray for the family of Eleanor Williams.*



The family of Timothy O'Dea - December 11, 2024 at 02:58 PM



“ 90 files added to the album LifeTributes



Silha Funeral Home - December 10, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ Ms Eleanor was so wonderful to work with, was always so appreciative and a good hearted lady. She will be missed.

jess swanson - December 04, 2024 at 10:27 AM



“ I am so sorry Peggy Gieser. Eleanor was such a wonderful woman. I first met your aunt when I worked at Kmart. She was a strong woman. Again Aunt Betty and I say our deepest condolences and many prayers.



Arlene Gieser - December 03, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“ Susan Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Williams



Susan Lawrence - December 03, 2024 at 11:48 AM

PA

“ So for your loss what a lovely lady to visit with always so kind and thankful I enjoyed her while she lived st the Heritage my thoughts and prayers for her family 🙏😊😭

Pam Allen - December 02, 2024 at 04:26 PM

SL

I worked with Eleanor in the Title I program in the late 70's. She was a smart, kind, lovely, compassionate lady. She truly loved teaching!

Susan Lawrence - December 03, 2024 at 11:54 AM