



## Elizabeth Marie Ayre

June 30, 1926 - September 28, 2022

Our beloved Mom, Elizabeth “Betty” Ayre passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, in the presence of family at the Eastern Montana Veteran’s Home.

Visitation will be from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM with a vigil service being held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at the Chapel of the Silha Funeral Home, Glendive, MT. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM on October 5, 2022, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Francis Schreiber officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Mom was born June 30, 1926, in Glendive to Lawrence and Blanche (Gagne) Pedersen.

Betty’s family moved to Mandan, ND, during her elementary and high school years. She loved ice skating and swimming, earning a Red Cross Lifesaver’s Certificate.

After graduating from high school, Betty worked for the North Dakota Public Service Commission. After three years, her family moved back to Glendive. Betty worked as a stenographer for a few law offices and the Northern Pacific Railroad.

She married David Ayre, a handsome railroad engineer, on November 28, 1953. After a grand honeymoon to California and Mexico, they settled in to raise six children.

Betty was an ever-present mother, totally devoted to her children. She had a winning smile, a witty sense of humor and a way about her that suggested everything would turn out all right; even providing a courtesy laugh once in a while. Our Dad would often say, "I wouldn't trade Mom for a million dollars." Betty loved to sing. In high school she took private voice lessons and was the lead in the operetta Lelawala, about a Native American princess. For 70 years she sang as a soprano in the Sacred Heart Church Choir. She was also a member of the Catholic Daughters.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, David; daughter, Lisa Strand, grand daughter, Ashley Strand; great granddaughter Madison Grace Reitz; brother, Eugene (Colleen) Pedersen; and parents, Lawrence and Blanche Pedersen.

Mom leaves behind her 5 children; Dr. Laurie Ayre of Kingston, PA, Bill (Joyce) Ayre of Glendive, Patty Maddock of Bismarck, ND, Mary Lou Ayre, Chandler, AZ, & John (Traci) Ayre of Mesa, AZ; 11 grandchildren; Jessica (Tyler) Reitz, Ben Ayre, Sara Ross, Jake (Kayla) Strand, Chad Maddock, Kristi (Brad) Hone, Alesha Maddock (Ben Levin); Alexis (Andrew) Gayster; Brandon, Tyler & Kelsey Ayre; and 10 great grandchildren; Ryder & Remea Ross, Katie & Jed Strand, Colter & Cade Maddock, Carter & Logan Hone, Tatum Nunes-Ayre & Braydenn Lewis. She also leaves behind many special nieces and nephews.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana  
221 N. Meade Avenue  
P.O. Box 848  
Glendive, MT 59330  
(406) 377-2622  
silha@midrivers.com  
<https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com>

## Vigil Service

OCT 4. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

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## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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OCT 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elizabeth Marie Ayre*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers extended to Betty's family, our long time Forest Park neighbors and friends. Helen Bjerkreim Schmitz*



**Helen Schmitz** - October 25, 2022 at 09:45 AM



“ *Heather Frank lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ayre*



**Heather Frank** - October 16, 2022 at 11:26 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your Matriarch. A beautiful and kind woman.*



**Teresa Hathaway** - October 06, 2022 at 10:33 AM

BT

“ Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

*Betty Buck Thornton*

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**Betty Buck Thornton** - October 05, 2022 at 06:57 AM

JB

“ Janette Bogar lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Marie Ayre



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**Janette Bogar** - October 02, 2022 at 01:44 AM

AW

“ Arnell Wagner lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Marie Ayre



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**Arnell Wagner** - October 02, 2022 at 01:39 AM

BS

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to Betty's family. Treasure your special memories.



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**Brtty Shearer** - October 01, 2022 at 09:03 PM

NS

“ *Norma Shearer lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Marie Ayre*



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**Norma Shearer** - October 01, 2022 at 07:15 PM

CZ

“ *Patty and family...We were so sorry to read of Betty's death. We know it leaves a huge hole in your hearts. I don't think I ever saw her at church when she wasn't smiling!  
May God wrap His arms around all of you and bring you strength and comfort.  
With prayers and much sympathy,  
Duane and Cindy Zimmerman*

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**Cindy Zimmerman** - October 01, 2022 at 06:41 PM

MY

“ *My sincere condolences to all of Betty's family. She was a lovely lady and so proud of all of you. May she rest in peace.*



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**Myrna** - October 01, 2022 at 04:02 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Betty's passing. Cherish your memories. Hugs!  
Arvid and Sherry*

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**Sherry Corneliusen** - October 01, 2022 at 11:36 AM

DV

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Ayre family 🙏 Betty was such a special lady and we enjoyed all our special times over the years.

Deb and Pete Vogel - September 30, 2022 at 11:52 PM

DV

“ Deb And Pete Vogel sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth Marie Ayre



Deb and Pete Vogel - September 30, 2022 at 11:47 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Marie Ayre.



September 30, 2022 at 06:15 PM

LB

“ Linda Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Marie Ayre



Linda Baldwin - September 30, 2022 at 04:35 PM

RD

“ My very deepest sympathy to the the family in your loss of your mother. She was a wonderful lady and enjoyed her in the choir for so many years. Keeping you in my prayers.



Rita Van Dusen - September 30, 2022 at 04:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Marie Ayre.



September 30, 2022 at 12:33 PM

CG

“ Cindy Gregory lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Marie Ayre



Cindy Gregory - September 30, 2022 at 10:57 AM

PZ

“ Penny Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Marie Ayre



Penny Zimmerman - September 30, 2022 at 09:19 AM

DB

“ Laurie, Bill, Patty, Mary Lou, and John. We are so sorry for your loss of your Mother, Betty. Our condolences to the whole family and friends at this difficult time. She was such a beautiful person. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



Denise & Joe Bortrager - September 29, 2022 at 11:46 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Marie Ayre.



September 29, 2022 at 10:42 PM

CP

“ Condolences to all of Betty's family! She was such a sweet person, loved her smile & personality! Cherish all the very fond memories!!!

CHERISE PATTERSON - September 29, 2022 at 08:57 PM

SH

“ Sue Howe lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Marie Ayre



Sue Howe - September 29, 2022 at 08:43 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Marie Ayre.*



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September 29, 2022 at 06:15 PM



“ *Dale, Susan, Sheyanne Pedersen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elizabeth Marie Ayre.*



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**Dale, Susan, Sheyanne Pedersen** - September 29, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ *Rest in peace sweet Aunt Betty. Heaven is lucky to have you. Sending our love to the Ayre family -- Dale, Susan, Sheyanne Pedersen*

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**Susan M Pedersen** - September 29, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ *Marylou and family. We are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a wonderful lady that put a smile on everyone she meet. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Karen and Noren*



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**Karen Shanley** - September 29, 2022 at 04:33 PM

LD

“ *Linda Deines lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Marie Ayre*



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**Linda Deines** - September 29, 2022 at 03:58 PM

RG

“ *Rhonda Geiger lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Marie Ayre*



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**Rhonda Geiger** - September 29, 2022 at 01:12 PM