



Elizabeth Ann Brungard

April 3, 1922 - July 11, 2017

Elizabeth Ann (Begger) Morgen Brungard, age 95, of Glendive, Montana, formerly a lifelong resident of Wibaux, Montana, passed away on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive. Visitation will be held Saturday, July 15, 2017 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 P.M. and Sunday, July 16, 2017 from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to service in the Silha Funeral Chapel in Wibaux with a Vigil Service at 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 17, 2017 at St. Peter's Catholic Church with Father Xavier Arimboor officiating. Rite of Committal will follow at Wibaux Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Elizabeth was born on a farm, south of Wibaux, on April 3, 1922 to John and Helen (Watembach) Begger. She attended grade school at South Center School near her home. It was there she learned to speak English and taught it to the rest of her family. She was the oldest of eleven children. Elizabeth attended Wibaux County High School for three years. Her senior year, she transferred to Glendive, where she was employed as a nanny for a nine year old boy. She worked for room and board and graduated from DCHS in 1941. She remained in contact with that family until their passing.

Elizabeth and her brother Ed traveled to Seattle during the war. She was employed at Montgomery Ward as a clerk and a telephone operator in San Francisco, California. She never lost her ability to remember phone numbers. Elizabeth was called home to care for her younger siblings when her mother

was ill. She remained a caregiver for her parents; her in-laws; her brother, David and both of her husbands.

In 1945, she met and then married Peter Morgen on October 16, 1945. They resided on their farm, three miles south of Wibaux, until Peter's death in 1979. To this union five children were born. Elizabeth loved to bake, raise a garden, can and freeze the produce, raise chickens, knit and sew. She and Peter were able to preserve food for the family each year.

Elizabeth was active in her community and church and taught her children to do likewise. She was a 4-H leader for 15 years and was also on the Fairboard and Nursing Home Board for many years. She was a member of St. Peter's Altar Society and Catholic Daughters. When her mother died, she became the family matriarch. She kept track of births, deaths, marriages, and addresses of the entire Begger family. Elizabeth loved photos and had numerous photo albums to document family history. She also kept all Christmas letters in a book, as a historical family record.

In 1984, Elizabeth married Herman Brungard. This started a new chapter in her life. She left her home on the farm and moved into town, where she continued to raise a large garden and gladiolas (her bulbs are growing now). She inherited three more children and more grandchildren. Elizabeth and Herman bought a motorhome and traveled the USA, from east to west, north to south, stopping to visit friends and relatives along the way. After a few years, they became snowbirds and parked their motorhome at the Aztec RV Park in Mesa, Arizona, where they had the same spot for years and made many lifelong friends. When they were home for the rest of the year, they continued to be active in the Wibaux Community and enjoyed their grandchildren. Elizabeth was active in the Nursing Home Auxiliary. She also went to the homes of her grandchildren to babysit as each new great-grandchild was born. She loved babies, the older children taking a backseat to the new babies.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Morgen and her husband, Herman Brungard; her parents, John and Helen Begger; her

brothers, David, Louis, Leonard, Edmond and Dominic Begger; her sister, Sally Bachmier; her sisters-in-law, Betty Seeberger, Margaret Begger and Betty Begger; her brothers-in-law, Buster Finneman, Harold Abraham, Martin Seeberger and Joe Bachmier; her son-in-law, Darrel Baker; her grandchildren, Nicholas Maus and Dallas Finneman and a great grandchild, Niko Rossi. Elizabeth is survived by her five children, Jennifer (Gary) Kelly of Glendive, Phyllis (Jerry) Goldsmith of Monroe, Georgia, Barbara Baker of Kalispell, Montana, Larry Morgen of Wibaux and Joseph Morgen of Smithville, Missouri; three step daughters, Alice (Bob) Padgham of Nanaimo, BC, Barbara (David) Maus of Wibaux and Susan (Joe) Finneman of Beach, North Dakota; her grandchildren, Deborah (Tom) Roehl of Glendive, Victoria (Rob) Wagenaar of Billings, Montana, Suzanne (Bill D'Alton) Damjanovich of Billings, John (Kaycee) Morgen of Manhattan, Montana, Emily (Tyler) Thelen of Billings, Bryan (Natalie) Morgen of Juneau, Alaska, Zachary Morgen of Great Falls, Montana, Christopher (Betsy) Morgen of Billings, Ashley (Jason) Rossi of Kalispell, Alisa Maus of Wibaux, Aaron Maus of Bozeman, Montana, Oliver (Patti) Finneman of Fargo, North Dakota, Jesse (Alexa) Finneman of Bismarck, North Dakota, Ted Finneman of Wibaux, Mathew (Brandee) Padgham of Coram, Montana Phillip, Jens and Elliot Padgham of Nanaimo, BC; her sisters, Florence Finneman of Beach and Edie Abraham of Beach; her brothers, Harry (Elaine) Begger of Wibaux and Ralph (Dorothy) Begger of Wibaux; her sisters-in-law, Anisa Begger and Janice Champion; ten great grandchildren; six step great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

Remembrances and condolences may be left with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Wibaux Cemetery

Wibaux, MT 59353

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Wibaux, Montana
204 South Wibaux Street
Wibaux, MT 59353
(406) 796-2421
silha@midrivers.com

Visitation

JUL 16. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

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Vigil Service

JUL 16. 7:00 PM (MT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 17. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
313 1st Avenue Southwest
Wibaux, MT 59353

Tribute Wall



“ *Elizabeth Ann Brungard*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Elizabeth was a very kind woman with a ready smile. I enjoy seeing her beautiful flowers around her house when I walked by. She lived just a few houses away from us in Wibaux. God bless her family with wonderful memories and peace and comfort.* 🙏

Ted and Jean Zinda - July 24, 2017 at 10:06 AM



“ *Jennifer Kelly lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Brungard*



jennifer kelly - July 18, 2017 at 06:19 PM



“ *Beverly Baumstarck lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Brungard*



Beverly Baumstarck - July 18, 2017 at 02:10 AM

DL

“ Dick Lorenz lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Brungard



Dick Lorenz - July 16, 2017 at 07:06 PM

PA

“ I always loved that lady. She was special. She taught me how to sew rugs.

Pauline - July 14, 2017 at 12:04 PM

MS

“ You have my deep felt Sympathy as someone very special has gone to a new home she has waited for. She always had a smile and a kind word. When I got married and moved away from the area, we came back for a visit now and then, she and I could always find things to visit about. I know she will be missed. Love and Prayers, Marguerite

Marguerite Sommerfeld - July 14, 2017 at 11:38 AM

SD

“ Suzie (Kelly) Damjanovich lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Brungard



Suzie (Kelly) Damjanovich - July 14, 2017 at 09:29 AM

JL

“ *Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Brungard*



Janette Legato - July 14, 2017 at 12:44 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with the family*

Lorraine Freeman - July 13, 2017 at 02:51 PM

LD

“ *Linda Deines lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ann Brungard*



linda deines - July 13, 2017 at 12:41 PM

FP

“ *Hello to all of you, My sincere condolences and I promise to offer couple of masses for her and for all of you. I was glad that I could be with her couple times when she was in the veterans Home in Glendive and surely everyday in Wibaux. Will miss her. My Prayers, Fr. Jolly Pathiyamoola, Bishops House, Sagar, India*

Fr. Jolly Pathiyamoola - July 13, 2017 at 07:02 AM