



## Elizabeth O'Dea

August 27, 1963 - February 4, 2021

Elizabeth “Liz” O’Dea, age 57, of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at her home. Private funeral services will be held in memory of Liz. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Liz’s name may be made to the March of Dimes or to any charity that directly benefits children. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Liz was born on August 27, 1963 in Lemmon, South Dakota, a daughter of William Earl and Vivian Rose (Baumeister) Gannon. She was the eleventh of twelve children, and although she was the second youngest of the siblings, she spent a lot of her high school years helping take care of the family. That was just her nature, she was always putting others ahead of herself. The family grew up on a ranch in McIntosh, South Dakota, and Liz loved growing up on the ranch. She loved the ranch life and being outdoors. She graduated high school from McIntosh High School with the class of 1982 and shortly after high school she enrolled in Bismarck State College. While attending college Liz worked as a librarian and also for Pride Industries, which helped people with special needs thrive in their community. Liz later graduated in 1986 with a power plant technician degree. Not long after graduating from college Liz married the love of her life, Clay O’Dea, on October 10, 1986 in Mandan, North Dakota; and to this union three children were born: Colton, Alissa “Al”, and Kylee. This began a new working chapter in her life: Mom, which was her favorite title. Due to Clay’s job as a lineman the family moved a lot throughout various cities and states before settling in Glendive in 1998.

Liz had a lot of hobbies, but she was especially talented at sewing and gardening. She also loved being around children and animals, and they always seemed to be drawn to her as well. Liz will always be remembered for her kind and caring heart, and her strong will and determination.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Vivian, and her brother David Gannon, and sister Theresa Vieweg.

Liz is survived by her husband, Clay of Glendive; her children, Colton O'Dea of Glendive, Alissa "Al" O'Dea of Bozeman, Montana, and Kylee (Jeff) Neigel of Soldotna, Alaska; one granddaughter Adaline Neigel; her siblings, Ron Gannon of Rapid City, South Dakota, Patrick Gannon of Alma, Arkansas, Janet Bieschke of Plymouth, Wisconsin, Cindy (Keith) Peterson of Lemmon, Gary Gannon of Pipestone, Minnesota, Colette (Ken) Kellogg of Hermosa, South Dakota, Walter Gannon of Rapid City, Brad Gannon of Mitchell, South Dakota, and Karen (Greg) Robinson of Leola, South Dakota; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth O'Dea

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ Grace Koffler Evinrude lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth O'Dea



Grace Koffler Evinrude - February 14, 2021 at 08:15 AM



“ Thoughts and Prayers to the Family. She was always very nice to be around and a great classmate.  
RIP Elizabeth.

Arlen Halverson - February 13, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ Condolences to the family of Elizabeth. I hope your memories give you some comfort. My memories of her always include smiles and horses. She often rode over to our farm just for the fun of it. I remember being in awe of her jumping over things on horseback as a teenager. She seemed like part of the horse and the horse would do whatever she wanted. She was very special.  
Cheryl (Baumeister) Birkeland

Cheryl Birkeland - February 13, 2021 at 12:02 PM

GA

“ Elizabeth had such a bubbly personality and was so much fun to be around. Her smile and laugh was contagious. She will be missed by many! She had a great love of horses. She trained a horse for my Grandpa Riehl. She named it Amigo which means “friend” in Spanish. I remember one time we rode horses into McIntosh. I am sure it was probably Beth Ann’s idea otherwise it was Leo’s. It was such a fun time! Our mothers weren’t very happy with us when we finally arrived home. They didn’t know where we had gone and were very worried. Thankfully for Karen and I, they blamed the older kids. Such great memories on the ranch! Pancakes every morning for breakfast and praying the rosary every night.

*Our deepest sympathy to her family.*

*Elizabeth’s cousins- Celeste, Angie, Leo, Sonya, Melissa & Monte Gannon*

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**Gannon** - February 12, 2021 at 01:05 AM

FT

“ A woman with a Heart of Gold! How ironic, it's Giving Hearts Day! Rest in Peace Lizabeth!  
Sorry to the family for your loss.  
Frank

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**Frank Tomac** - February 11, 2021 at 07:26 PM

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*Prayers and hugs for all of the family.....she was such a special person.....*

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**Teresa Dillman** - February 14, 2021 at 06:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth O'Dea.*



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February 10, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth O'Dea.*



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February 10, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ *Clay and family, we are so sorry for your loss of Liz, you are in our prayers.*  
*John & Ruth*

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**Ruth A Sullivan** - February 09, 2021 at 10:21 PM



“ *Clay, we are heart broken over the loss of Liz. I have so many wonderful memories of her and will cherish them always. I am so thankful that I was blessed with her friendship. We are so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to you and your family.*



*Keith and Diane Berger*  
*Bismarck, ND*

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**Diane Berger** - February 09, 2021 at 10:16 AM

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“ Clay and family- I'm sorry for your loss of Elizabeth. Cherish your memories as you will always have them. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



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**Tammy Dey** - February 08, 2021 at 07:48 PM

MK

“ To Liz's family, my heart just breaks for all of you.. she was a wonderful woman with a warm, loving heart. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. I am so very sorry.

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**Melissa Kwasney** - February 08, 2021 at 04:10 PM