



## Emajeane Gertrude Chaffee

May 12, 1923 - March 26, 2022

Emajeane Chaffee, age 98 of Wibaux, Montana went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 26, 2022. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date depending on the weather. Services will be announced when they are confirmed at the Wibaux Bible Church with Pastor Rick Varnum officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements. Emajeane was born on May 12, 1923 in Beach, North Dakota to her parents, Edward and Elizabeth (Sura) Jendro. She was raised and educated in Golva, North Dakota. Following her education, Emajeane worked as a housekeeper and nanny. It was during this time that she met Wilbur Chaffee, who would become her husband. Emajeane and Wilbur were united in marriage on August 25, 1941 in Glendive, Montana. To this union two sons were born. They lived on the Chaffee Farm east of Wibaux where Emajeane raised her boys, took care of the house and helped on the farm. Emajeane also worked at the Wibaux County Nursing Home as a cook for several years where she earned "Employee of the Quarter" in January 1980.

Emajeane was an amazing, beautiful person, who enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening, taking care of calves and her chickens. Emajeane had a "heart of gold". She loved to visit and no one left her house without having coffee and some of her homemade treats that she always had. Emajeane volunteered at church and was a Sunday School Teacher for many years, only "retiring" from this when she needed more time at home to care for her husband following his stroke. She loved watching baseball and football, cheering for her favorite

teams, the Chicago Cubs and Denver Broncos. Most of all, Emajean cherished her family and loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Emajean was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Wilbur; three brothers, Clifford, Dayton and Irving Jendro; five sisters, Lillian Feldmann, Delaine Helvik, Angela Kennedy, Vonda Stull and Adeline Johnson.

Emajean is survived by her two sons, Wilbur Jr. "Buzz" (Dorothy) Chaffee of Wibaux and Ron (Connie) Chaffee of San Tan Valley, Arizona; three grandchildren, Jodee Chaffee of Wibaux, Troy (Jennie) Chaffee of Billings, Montana and Chantell (Dale) Christensen of Wibaux; four great-grandchildren, Skyla, Reid, Natalie and Ethan; one brother, Jim (Phyllis) Jendro of Texarkana, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emajeane Gertrude Chaffee*

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December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Our entire family loved Emajeane...couldn't ask for a better neighbor! My daughter April took a special liking to her and spent days baking with her. It's wonderful to know we will see her again!!*  
*Reita Moore*

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**Reita Moore** - June 06, 2022 at 06:19 PM

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“ Auntie M was dear to me in many different ways as a child I was in fascinated by her, I thought she was so pretty and had the neatest voice, she took wondrous things out of her oven, she grew beautiful flowers. She always made me feel welcome but most of all she made me feel special. Years later Wes and I with our little daughter, Nicholle lived on a farm place near Auntie M. I'd load Nicholle up in her red wagon and down the road we would go to see Auntie M. Not only was she glad to see us but she had a sunken bathtub!! We didn't have a tub at the old farm house so into the tub Nicholle cheerfully and splashly went, we visited over coffee and treats. Nicholle learned about chickens, calves, flowers and the farm from Auntie M which was wonderous to Nicholle. We moved away for quite some time but I always visited Auntie M when I came home, plus we exchanged cards and letters. I took Mom, Aunt Sis and Auntie M on an adventure to Makoshika Park near Glendive we had a absolute blast!!! There was a lot of oohing and awing from the sisters! Another time it was just she and I, we went up on Sentinel Butte once again she delighted in everything around her it was a special time. Auntie M told me she had always dreamed of being a school teacher. She may not have teaching in a classroom, her classroom was anywhere she was. Her family, her community, her church and those of us who had the gift of her presence in our lives. In living her life and sharing her gifts of self she taught us some of the most important things in life. Some of which are kindness, dedication, patience, hard work, about the beauty around us, the joy of simple things, morals and values she showed us about love. There is NO DOUBT as to where Auntie M is now, she earned her wings many times over. I love you dear sweet Auntie M thank you for the memories.

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**Marlys Smith, (Niece)** - April 11, 2022 at 09:44 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Emajeane Gertrude Chaffee.*



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April 10, 2022 at 04:14 PM



“ *Emajeane was a beautiful lady with a beautiful soul, the more I got to know her, the more I loved her, she will be greatly missed. Linda WCNH*

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**linda peel** - April 01, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Angie (Nix) and John Ross*

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**Angie Ross** - March 30, 2022 at 07:26 PM



“ *Aunt Em always had Kool aid and something fresh baked to serve , for when I would take a break half way to the Gene Welsh farm to visit Jim in the summertime on my bicycle. Oh how she would giggle and laugh and always wanted to show off her flowers and garden. We're not supposed to have favorites , but she was always mine ,she will be missed.*

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**Robin Stull** - March 30, 2022 at 12:39 AM

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“ *A lovely lady!*



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**Susan Lawrence** - March 29, 2022 at 10:16 AM

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“ *What a beautiful picture of Aunt Em. I'm sure her sisters are enjoying a good laugh with her. I have so many good memories of her. I still remember mom not wanting to leave her behind when she knew she was going. Now they are finally together again. So sorry for your loss, but I'm sure she was ready to go.*

*Love, Will, Dee and family*

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**Dee Brost** - March 28, 2022 at 08:42 PM

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“ *Aunt Em was the one that first helped me learn how to cook when i started working with her at the nursing home at 16. She was my inspiration for so many years and I still love cooking because of her. She used to call me little bit although i never knew why. Love you Aunt Em*

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**liz paul** - March 28, 2022 at 06:35 PM