



## Fern Lillian Austby

April 1, 1926 - November 23, 2016

Fern Lillian (Casey) Austby, age 90, passed away Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at the Golden Valley Manor in Beach, North Dakota. Visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at the Wibaux County Fairgrounds in Wibaux, Montana. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at the Wibaux County Fairgrounds with Reverend Larry Phalen officiating. Interment will follow services at the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive, Montana. Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Fern was born on April 1, 1926 in Wibaux to Charles and Susan (Beeler) Casey. She was raised in the Wibaux area and educated in rural Wibaux schools.

Fern was united in marriage to Raymond Austby on December 4, 1943 in Glendive. They ranched near Glendive on Belle Prairie and raised their family there. Later, they moved south of Glendive and then they moved to the Powder River, where they ranched for seventeen years and then to Marmarth, North Dakota. Ray and Fern then moved to Wibaux in 2001 and continued to stay active in ranching until Ray's passing.

Fern was a member of several homemaker clubs in Glendive, Belle Prairie and Powder River areas. She was a member of Zion Lutheran in Glendive before transferring to Trinity Lutheran in Wibaux. Fern enjoyed gardening and canning the fruits of her labor. She loved to bake, especially for her family, as well as crocheting and embroidery. She also enjoyed dancing and playing

cards.

Fern was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Susan; her husband, Raymond Austby; three brothers, Andrew Casey, Delbert Casey and Charles Casey Jr.; two brothers-in-law, Donald Austby and Robert Austby and a son-in-law, Jesse Howard.

Fern is survived by her daughter, Judy Howard of Wibaux; her sons, Darry (Candy) Austby of Glendive and Gene (Madelon) Austby of Rhame, North Dakota; her sisters, Kate Casey of Glendive and Mert (Louis) Schlautman of Beach; twelve grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Remembrances and condolences may 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

NOV 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Wibaux County Fairgrounds  
Wibaux, MT

## Service

NOV 29. 11:00 AM (MT)

Wibaux County Fairgrounds  
Wibaux, MT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fern Lillian Austby*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Ray and Fern were always so kind to me. I will miss them. So very sorry I didn't make it to Fern's funeral service. I didn't know about it until later in the week. Jody Strand*

**jody Strand** - December 05, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ *The world lost a beautiful lady. So sorry for you loss.  
Dale & Pamela Strobel Bilyeu*

**Pamela Bilyeu** - December 02, 2016 at 08:17 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear Fern died. What a wonderful, gracious lady she was. We loved it when Fern and Ray were in our neighborhood on the Powder River. They were wonderful neighbors. They used to come to our place to rope and visit. Our thoughts will be with you tomorrow but we're afraid the roads will be too bad to venture out. Our sincere sympathy to all of Fern's family.*

**Jordan and Rene LaBree** - November 28, 2016 at 08:56 PM

LR

“ *Lil Reiss lit a candle in memory of Fern Lillian Austby*



**Lil Reiss** - November 27, 2016 at 09:17 AM

CH

“ *Carol Hanson lit a candle in memory of Fern Lillian Austby*



**Carol Hanson** - November 26, 2016 at 12:22 PM

CH

*Judy: I am sorry to read about your mom's passing. Keep her memories close to your heart and they will last a lifetime.*

**Carol Hanson** - November 26, 2016 at 12:24 PM

LL

*She was a lovely kind soul and will be missed by so many. Prayers to all*

**Lisa Loerzel** - November 28, 2016 at 12:35 PM

ML

*Sending our many heartfelt sympathies to all Ferns family. We will miss her loving smile and kind heart.*

**Merle and Linda** - November 30, 2016 at 09:18 PM

NW

*Please accept condolence on the loss of your mother. Nina (Gentry) Weinreis*

**Nina Weimreis** - January 07, 2017 at 01:13 PM