



## Gwendolyn Mae Lorenz

October 14, 1920 - June 11, 2017

Gwendolyn Mae Lorenz, age 96, of Beach, ND, passed away on Sunday, June 11, 2017 at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux, MT. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 15th from 1:00 PM through 4:00 PM at Silha Funeral Home in Beach. A Vigil Service will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 15th at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 AM, Friday, June 16th at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Father Dan Berg is officiating. Rite of Committal will follow at St. John's Catholic Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with arrangements.

Gwen was born on October 14, 1920 to Clifford and Laura (Chadderdon) Bartholomew in Wibaux County.

Gwen was educated in the Beach school system and graduated from Beach High School in 1938. Following graduation, she was a typist for the ASCS until 1940 and then relocated to Chicago, IL where she enrolled in business college. Gwen married Edward R. Lorenz on December 11, 1943 in Chicago. In 1967 Gwen graduated from Dickinson State College receiving her degree in Music Education and Business. She taught for several years in Sentinel Butte, Golva and several other towns in ND before she retired from public teaching. Gwen loved the piano and music and at age fourteen began teaching piano and continued to teach piano until the age of eighty-nine.

Gwen also enjoyed sewing, painting, hiking, gardening and camping. She loved to fly and to travel. A few places Gwen visited included Indonesia,

Israel, Rome and Holland.

Gwen was preceded in death by her husband, Edward; her parents, Clifford and Laura and her brothers, Dean, Marvin, Clair and Bruce.

Gwen is survived by her sons, Richard (Mary) Lorenz of Dell Rapids, SD, Robert (Deanna) Lorenz of St. Cloud, MN, James (Judy) Lorenz of Billings, MT, Ron (Satrece) Lorenz of Houston, TX; her daughters, Ann Marie Staci Lorenz of Edina, MN and Carol Weyer of Beach; twelve grandchildren; twenty-one great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

# Previous Events

## Vigil Service

JUN **15**. 7:00 PM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
162 2nd Avenue Northeast  
Beach, ND 58621

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Beach, North Dakota  
125 4th Avenue Southwest  
P.O. Box 488  
Beach, ND 58621  
(701) 872-3232  
silha@midstate.net

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **16**. 10:30 AM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
162 2nd Avenue Northeast  
Beach, ND 58621

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gwendolyn Mae Lorenz*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *My most sincere sympathy to the family. I will keep you all in my prayers. Jennifer Kelly*



**Jennifer Kelly** - July 18, 2017 at 06:24 PM



“ *Dear Lorenz Family,*

*I am sorry to hear of the passing of Aunt Gwen. What a spitfire she was! I recall her saying she wanted to live to 100 and she got close.*

*I wish I could have come to the services, I am sorry I missed them and all of you. I hope you are all doing well.*

*Thinking of you all fondly and with love Carol Jean, Staci, Ronnie, Jim, Bob, Dick and families!!*

*Your cousin, Rochelle (Ruthann) Lorenz*

**Rochelle Lorenz** - June 21, 2017 at 12:33 PM



“ *I LOVED listening to your playing the piano in church. You were always so sweet. You will be missed.....*

**Lynne Wojahn** - June 16, 2017 at 02:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Mae Lorenz.*



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June 15, 2017 at 08:30 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Mae Lorenz.*



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June 14, 2017 at 07:38 PM



“ *I remember all the summers we spent with Grandma up in Belfield. She would take us all around the country side. Checking out abandoned houses, riding her scooter and playing office. She even let us talk with truckers on her CB radio (in her Mustang!!). She took us fishing one afternoon and we caught around 50 perch. The biggest was probably 4" long. Grandma spent the entire evening fileting each one even though there was very little meat. You will be missed. But our great memories will live on.*

*-Jeff Lorenz*

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**Jeff Lorenz** - June 14, 2017 at 05:04 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Mae Lorenz.*



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June 14, 2017 at 09:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Mae Lorenz.*



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June 14, 2017 at 01:44 AM



“ *From Rudy Lorenz & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gwendolyn Mae Lorenz.*



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**From Rudy Lorenz & Family - June 13, 2017 at 06:51 PM**

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“ I was a student of Gwen's business classes and also music and band at Golva . She was such a gifted musician and a great music teacher and we all learned to appreciate music and realize how it is something that you can enjoy no matter how old you are. I was lucky to be able to hear Gwen play piano at the manor for the Christmas program this last year, she still played beautifully!! She was a great lady and I know she touched so many lives with her talents, her memory will live on with all of us! My condolences to her family.

*Rick and Charlene Bostyan*

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**Rick Bostyan** - June 13, 2017 at 10:47 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Mae Lorenz.



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June 12, 2017 at 03:20 PM