



Ilene Marie Cale

August 16, 1943 - July 8, 2023

Ilene Marie (Zinda) Cale, age 79, passed away on Saturday, July 8, 2023 at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility in Glendive, Montana. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 2:00 PM at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wibaux with Pastor Diane Melby officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Ilene was born August 16th, 1943 in Beach, North Dakota, to Lawrence and Elsie (Hagemann) Zinda. She was raised in Wibaux, Montana and attended school there graduating in 1961. Ilene graduated college in Bismarck, North Dakota. After graduating college, she worked for MDU in Glendive.

Ilene married Curtis Cale in 1965. Curt and Ilene lived and worked on the Shaw Ranch until she went to work for the Wibaux County Attorney. Curt got called back the US Army in 1968 and they moved to Fort Carson, Colorado for a short period. Curt and Ilene returned to Wibaux and ranched together after Curt's Army Service was complete. Ilene went to work for the United States Postal Service and retired from there after 28 years of service.

Ilene had two children. One girl that passed away at birth and one son, Will Cale.

Ilene was a loving caring wife, mother, aunt, and cousin who valued family and friends the most. She loved to read, do crossword puzzles, garden, and enjoy scenic drives.

She will be remembered as someone who always cared and went out of her way to help others out no matter what.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her three sisters, June Paul, Florence Chaffee, and Esther Job.

She is survived by Curtis Cale (husband), Will Cale (Son), Sadie Cale (Daughter in Law), Cedar Cale (Grandson), and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **22**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
123 E Street North
Wibaux, MT 59353

Tribute Wall

LL

“ *My First Christmas in Heaven*

*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below
With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow
The sight is so spectacular; please wipe away the tear
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear
But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up
here.*

*I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
For it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.*

*I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart.
But I am not so far away; We really aren't apart.*

*So be happy for me, dear ones, You know I hold you dear.
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above.
I send you each a memory of my undying love.
After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold.
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.*

*Please love and keep each other, my Father said to do.
I can't count the blessing or love He has for each of you.*

*So have a Merry Christmas and Wipe away that tear
Remember, I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year*

With all my love to each of you,

Wife ~Mother ~Grandmother ~Sister ~ Aunt ~ Cousin ~Friend ~

Ilene

Author Unknown

Lillian M Luncinski - December 24, 2023 at 11:15 PM

LL

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories*



Lillian M Luncinski - December 24, 2023 at 11:11 PM

LL

“ *Happy heavenly birthday Ilene - Maybe you will run into Elvis as he had the nerve to die on your Birthday...I believe you have gained your Dragonfly Wings and will be visiting in that new body...Just watch for the Dragonflies. I miss talking to you as I would always call on your birthday ...sending a mental hug...Love, Cousin/BFF Lillian*

Lillian Luncinski - August 16, 2023 at 08:43 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lillian Luncinski - August 16, 2023 at 08:39 PM

LL

“ Curt, Will, Sadie, Cedar – I extend my sympathies in the loss of Ilene. Ilene was a cousin, who became my best friend for my whole life. We commented when my mother, Regina Hoffman, passed away that Ilene’s mother, Elsie Zinda, lost her best friend of over 50 years...now I have lost my Best Friend of over 70 years...We shared so many happy, sad, strange, and interesting memories. Our hearts were joined even while so many miles apart.

Lillian Hoffman Luncinski - July 31, 2023 at 12:08 AM

MS

“ Mike Jacky Boje Saur sent a virtual gift in memory of Ilene Cale



Mike and Jacky Boje Saur - July 19, 2023 at 08:24 AM

RD

“ My very deepest sympathy to the Cale family. She was a very nice lady and enjoyed visiting with her. Offering prayers



Rita Van Dusen - July 14, 2023 at 08:24 AM

RD

“ My deepest sympathy to the Cale family. I enjoyed visiting with her when she came to see her sister Esther. She was a nice and joyful lady,

Rita. Van Dusen - July 12, 2023 at 08:24 PM

AS

“ Rest in peace auntie!❤️



Anita Spencer - July 10, 2023 at 04:00 PM

MM

“ So many memories of times of laughter and fun. A vital member of the Wibaux Mag 7. We worked together at the County Courthouse and most important we are sister-in-law. There are so many stories that I could tell, and though we have not had much time together for many years, I treasure our friendship. I can only imagine what you are experiencing now!

Marvel McKerlick - July 10, 2023 at 03:53 PM

CH

“ carol hanson lit a candle in memory of Ilene Cale



carol J hanson - July 10, 2023 at 01:13 PM