



## Iona Ann Schmidt

January 14, 1932 - April 27, 2026

Iona Ann Schmidt, age 94 of Glendive, Montana passed away on Monday, April 27, 2026 at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care in Glendive. Private family graveside services will be held in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. A reception for family and friends will be held from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at the Glendive Moose Lodge in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

On April 27, 2026, Iona Schmidt took her final bow - leaving a trail of love, laughter, a little bit of mischief, and unforgettable memories in her wake.

Iona was born on January 14, 1932, in her grandmother's home in Langdon, North Dakota. She was the eighth of William and Ethel Crockett's nine kids. From the start, she had a built-in best friend in her younger sister, Norene. They were two peas in a pod and spent much of their youth pestering their brother, Claude.

After graduating from Langdon High School, Iona moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she worked as a gift wrapper at Dayton's, as a secretary, and in floral design. While she was there, she kept in touch with a family friend based at Camp Pendleton, and they went out on dates when he was home on leave.

On January 4, 1953, Parnell Schmidt and Iona Crockett were married in Elsinore, California while “Parney” was still in the Marine Corps. They settled in Glendive, Montana, where they built their home on 7 Mile Drive (now Schmidt Lane). They raised six children, giving them a wonderful life filled with horses, family vacations, time with cousins, and neighborhood barbecues. They instilled in their children a strong work ethic, along with values of kindness, honesty, and respect.

Parney took great pride in providing for his family and often told Iona she didn’t need to work. Never one to let grass grow under her feet, Iona worked anyway – she called it her “mad money”, but her kids secretly joked she just needed a break from them.

Iona, also known as Winona or Yone, had many talents and interests. She enjoyed dancing, traveling throughout the U.S. and abroad, home decorating (she kept an immaculate house), gardening, and ceramics. She prepared wonderful family and holiday meals and always made sure there was dessert, as she had a sweet tooth. She was an accomplished seamstress, and family members often came to her whenever something needed to be repaired or altered. She faithfully supported her children and grandchildren by attending their sporting events.

Over the years, Iona was a member of Mak-o-Sica Saddle Club, Glendive Women’s Softball, Fractured Follies (she loved costumes and making people laugh), Red Hat Society, Global Grannies, and Sewing Club with a wonderful group of friends. Parney and Iona also drove their Clydesdales in the 1989 Centennial Cattle Drive. Iona was always up for an adventure - parasailing in Mexico and whitewater rafting in Montana, impressive ventures for someone who couldn’t swim.

Iona entered the Big Sky State Games at 58 years old. Competing against all men, she won the 60-yard dash and set a record in her age group! She returned at age 68 and broke her own record.

Beyond her family, one of the Iona's proudest accomplishments was her long bowling career. She started bowling in 1954 and kept at it for nearly 56 years. In 2000, at the age of 68, she became the first woman in Glendive to bowl a sanctioned 300 game!

Iona, known lovingly as Mom or Grandma, always told family not to be sad when she leaves; she wanted those around her to cherish the memories and live life fully. She also wanted to share her outlook on life, often saying that life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways with a chocolate in one hand, and a drink in the other - fully used up and worn out, joyfully saying, "Wahoo, what a ride!"

Iona's deepest regret in life was not being able to share more years with her husband, who passed away in 1998. She was warmly welcomed home by Parney, her daughter Jacki, her parents, eight siblings, nieces, nephews, and many lifetime friends who had the privilege of sharing her journey.

Her legacy is lovingly carried on by her children: Alana Barone (Tony) of Gold Canyon, AZ, David Schmidt (Jacki) of Glendive, Arnell Schmidt Wagner of Lewistown, Cal Schmidt (Kelly) of Billings, Marcy Schmidt Taylor (Jim Mickelson) of Liberty Lake, WA; her eleven grandchildren: Krista Burman (Eric), Erin Molyneaux (Keith), Ryan Popp, Erica Foster (Nathan), Justine Schmidt, Jess Wagner (Sydney), Jana Wagner (Nick Papsadora), Karlee Schmidt, Carson Taylor, Kyle Schmidt, Elle Taylor; and her nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren: Brady, Emma, Abby, Paige,

Alex, Jackson, Luke, Owen, Ellis, Arella, and Ari.

Mom, we carry you forward in our hearts and lives, and we will forever miss you.

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

## Reception

MAY **30**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Loyal Order of Moose  
415 N Merrill Ave  
Glendive, MT 59330-1729  
(406) 377-2611

# Tribute Wall



“ *Iona was a one-of-a-kind fun spirit! May you embrace your loving memories of a lovely lady.* ”



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**Mary Lou Ayre** - May 31 at 09:04 AM



“ *Dixie T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Iona Ann Schmidt.* ”

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**Dixie T. and Vicki Turtle** - May 30 at 10:36 AM

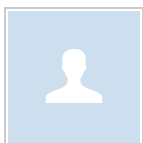


“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Iona Ann Schmidt.* ”



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May 28 at 10:39 AM



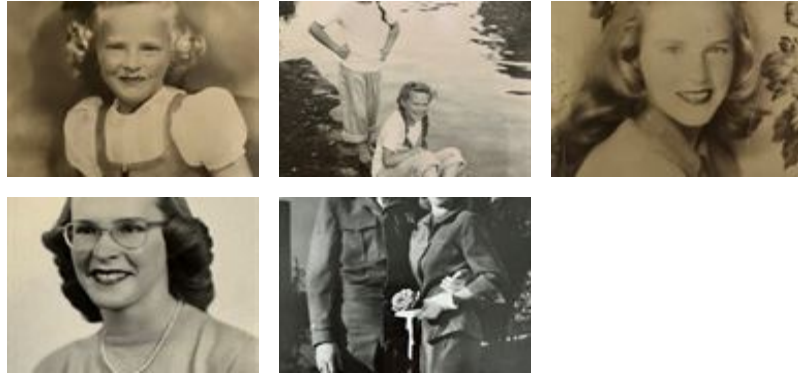
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May 28 at 10:39 AM



“ 48 files added to the album LifeTributes



Silha Funeral Home - May 27 at 05:59 PM

DD

“ Just saw this. Not many words can describe Iona--but FUN was definitely one of them. So sorry for your loss.

Delite Dukart - May 21 at 01:09 PM

AW

“ Arnell W. purchased the Full Heart for the family of Iona Ann Schmidt.



Arnell W. - May 20 at 05:39 PM

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“ Arnell W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Iona Ann Schmidt.

Arnell W. - May 20 at 05:39 PM

KS

“ To the family of Iona especially Jacki and Cal we send our deepest condolences and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Your mother was a wonderful woman with a smile that lite up a room and always had time for a conversation. May she rest in the Lords hands.



**Karen Noren Shanley** - May 06 at 12:04 AM

BM

“ Brenda and Pat Mischel lit a candle in memory of Iona Schmidt



**Brenda and Pat Mischel** - May 05 at 01:18 PM

MW

“ Mark And Sheryl Walsh lit a candle in memory of Iona Ann Schmidt



**Mark and Sheryl Walsh** - May 05 at 12:25 AM

NH

“ Nancy n Mike Hedge sent a virtual gift in memory of Iona Schmidt



**Nancy n Mike Hedge** - May 04 at 01:01 PM

DR

“ *Deb Roesleib sent a virtual gift in memory of Iona Schmidt*



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**Deb Roesleib** - May 03 at 12:49 AM

BS

“ *Bob And Kristie Stanhope lit a candle in memory of Iona Ann Schmidt*



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**Bob and Kristie Stanhope** - May 01 at 04:55 PM

TM

“ *What a beautiful written tribute to your mother. Written with love I'm so sorry for your loss.*



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**Toni Morasko** - April 30 at 09:56 PM

TR

“ *Tom Roe lit a candle in memory of Iona Schmidt*



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**Tom Roe** - April 30 at 09:38 PM

WH

“ We will all miss her. One beautiful lady. You are all in our thoughts and prayers 🙏



Wes and JoJo Hagen - April 30 at 06:43 PM

TD

“ Tracy Hess Deketelaere lit a candle in memory of Iona Ann Schmidt



Tracy Hess Deketelaere - April 30 at 06:22 PM

MS

“ So sorry to hear about Iona. I remember the good times when her and Parney were over to my folks or them out to your place. Always dealing with the horses. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. She was quite the lady, many laughs when she was around. Kathy and Mel Sampson



Mel Sampson - April 30 at 12:56 PM

GK

“ Grace Koffler lit a candle in memory of Iona Schmidt



Grace Koffler - April 30 at 10:11 AM

CH

“ *Wit and spunk never failed Iona; Perhaps got her in a pickle sometimes, but never truly failed her. Condolences to her family on your loss, but congratulations to Iona for a life well lived.* ”

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**Connie Hilger** - April 29 at 03:34 PM

JB

“ *Jim and Alice Bachmeier lit a candle in memory of Iona Schmidt* ”



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**Jim and Alice Bachmeier** - April 29 at 12:22 PM



“ *Linda Purvis lit a candle in memory of Iona Schmidt* ”



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**Linda Purvis** - April 29 at 11:31 AM

DV

“ *Deb Pete Vogel lit a candle in memory of Iona Schmidt* ”



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**Deb Pete Vogel** - April 29 at 11:08 AM

NH

“ *Nita Haugan lit a candle in memory of Iona Schmidt*



Nita Haugan - April 29 at 10:59 AM

AR

“ *Andeen A Raymond lit a candle in memory of Iona Schmidt*



Andeen A Raymond - April 29 at 10:52 AM

SO

“ *So sorry to hear this bit I do know Iona had a great life. I knew her from our bowling days and she was always so much fun. Good night, sleep well. 😊😊*

Sandy Oium - April 29 at 09:36 AM

JJ

“ *jane jarvis lit a candle in memory of Iona Schmidt*



jane jarvis - April 28 at 11:19 PM

BT

“ Schmidt Family I'm so sorry for your loss!  
Iona was a hoot whether she was working or  
bowling,  
RIP Iona,  
Becky (Chouinard) Tipton!



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**Becky Tipton** - April 28 at 10:49 PM

DD

“ Dan and Donna Dobson lit a candle in  
memory of Iona Schmidt



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**Dan and Donna Dobson** - April 28 at 10:29 PM

RB

“ When I join you in heaven we will line dance together again. ❤️

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**Rita Berube** - April 28 at 10:26 PM

RB

“ Rita Berube lit a candle in memory of Iona  
Schmidt



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**Rita Berube** - April 28 at 10:23 PM

TH

“ Tracey Hughes-Sand sent a virtual gift in memory of Iona Schmidt



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**Tracey Hughes-Sand** - April 28 at 10:21 PM

JD

“ Jodi and Bob Dobson sent a virtual gift in memory of Iona Schmidt



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**Jodi and Bob Dobson** - April 28 at 05:50 PM

CP

“ Condolences to all of Iona's family. Cherish the many find times spent together.

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**Cherise Patterson** - April 28 at 05:46 PM