



Jean Grow

June 3, 1931 - September 16, 2015

Jean Grow, age 84, of Billings, formerly of Glendive, passed away on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at the Billings Clinic in Billings. Visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at the First Congregational Church of Christ in Glendive. Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at the First Congregational Church of Christ in Glendive with Brother Guy Pontoriero officiating. Interment will be held in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Jean was born on a ranch north of Medora, N.D. on June 3, 1931 to William (Bill) and Ada Rue Sylvester. She spent her early years on the ranch and was home schooled by her teacher mother. She later moved to Medora where she completed her education and graduated from Dickinson State University with a degree in elementary education. She also did graduate work at University of Montana and Montana State University Billings.

She married Lloyd Grow in 1949 in Medora. She began her long teaching career in Medora and Sentinel Butte. In 1955 she and her husband moved to Glendive and she taught school at Golden Valley, Intake and Deer Creek. She served as County Superintendent of Schools in Dawson County for 20 years. Jean was an active member of the First Congregational Church in Glendive. She was also active in Republican politics, Zonta, Community Concerts Association and served on a number of local and state boards. She was appointed by Governor Stan Stephens to the State Judicial Standards

Commission and served for a number of years.

She was an accomplished seamstress and an avid reader. She designed the home they built on River Road where she lived happily for over 50 years. Jean especially loved spending time with her family, playing cards and visiting with friends. Her sons and grandchildren were all so special to her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and daughter in law, Kelly.

Survivors include her sons, Randy of Billings, Monty of Billings and Tracy of Glendive; grandchildren include Kelley of Boulder, Colorado, Leslie of Los Angeles, California, Michelle Gonzales of Cathedral City, California, Sgt. Brett Grow Marine Corp and Scott Grow of Glendive; great-grandson, Axel; and her sister, Lorraine Wagner of Beach, North Dakota, whom she was very close to. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

First Congregational Church
120 West Power Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Service

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Grow*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *I was just perusing different Glendive obituaries, and I came across Jean's. Jean was my 5th grade teacher in Sentinel Butte, and she and my Mother were good friends. My mother was Evelyn Waldal. She and Dad (Bert) lived in Sentinel Butte for many years and then moved their house to Beach in 1970. I had many fond memories of Jean as my teacher. My fifth grade was "a very good year"!! So sorry for your loss, but no doubt she and my Mom have united on the "other side," and they have done some catching up so to speak. I remember Jean talking about visiting Alaska. Well, I actually moved to Alaska 40 years ago, and I am still here!! If any of you would ever happen to visit here in Anchorage, please contact me. I'd love to meet with you and talk about our Moms. My e-mail is dwalda@gci.net.*

Don Waldal

DONALD WALDAL - November 21, 2015 at 11:35 PM



“ *Jean will remain in our hearts forever. She was an exceptionally well loved and respected lady - and always a good friend to Mom. Jean was recognized as being a highly intelligent and beautiful person both inside and out. We were blessed to have her in our lives and she will truly be missed.*

Kathy Newton McLane - September 23, 2015 at 10:39 AM

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“ Michelle Gonzales (Grow) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jean Grow.



Michelle Gonzales (Grow) - September 22, 2015 at 06:29 PM

IR

“ I taught at Deer Creek for many years while Jean was County Superintendent of Schools. She was a lovely lady who cared about her students. She was always kind and thoughtful. My condolences to her family.

Irene Reynolds

Irene Reynolds - September 21, 2015 at 12:57 PM

SP

“ Randy, Monty and Tracy-your mom always held a special place in my heart. She was a generous, thoughtful and loving person. I always enjoyed visiting with her around the kitchen table. Please know she is in my thoughts always-Sheila Partyka

Sheila Partyka - September 21, 2015 at 11:14 AM

LP

“ Leslie P. purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Jean Grow.



Leslie P. - September 20, 2015 at 11:38 PM

NK

“ When Jean came into GMC cafeteria she would always ask me how it was going. We talked about how the grandkids were doing when we rode the Transit bus and how much I missed not seeing Kelly around. She always was so caring and never mentioned all the struggles she has went through.
I won't be able to attend the service that day but my thoughts are with the family.

Nancy Korb - September 20, 2015 at 09:38 AM

CM

“ Jean was a mentor and role model for many of us new County Superintendents during her terms in office. Many good times were shared with her in her home for holiday parties as well as at our numerous conventions. She will be remembered as a grand lady and a good friend to so many of us. Charlotte Miller (former Powder River County Supt.)

Charlotte Miller - September 19, 2015 at 08:58 PM

VJ

“ Randy, Monte, and Tracy, I remember you mom so very well growing up in Highland Park. She was such a delightful lady and I remember well her laugh. I learned a lot from her when I had a problem with something I was sewing!! I am so very sorry for you loss! Virginia Grubaugh Johnston

Virginia Johnston - September 19, 2015 at 08:33 PM

MB

“ So sorry to hear of Aunt Jean's passing. As a fellow teacher, I always felt a special kinship with her, even though we didn't get to see each other very often. I know she will be missed.
Mike Barnhart

Mike Barnhart - September 19, 2015 at 07:36 PM

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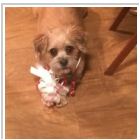
“ Miss Grow (as we called her) was my 5th and 6th grade teacher. I thought she was one of the prettiest teachers I had in Sentinel Butte elementary school. 4th and 5th grade were together in the same room, so I listened to the 5th grade lessons while a 4th grader. She seemed to realize that I was bored sometimes in the 5th grade and set up special science learning projects for me (and others) that I could explore. I feel she was instrumental in my life career of teaching math and science. My condolences to her family on the passing of a neat lady!

Lynn Carlson - September 19, 2015 at 11:20 AM

 Deb Chouinard

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Mrs. Grow's passing. She was my first through fourth grade teacher at Deer Creek, and oh how I loved her! I ran into her years ago at Albertsons and I didn't think that she'd probably remember me, but of course, she did, and we had a fine time reminiscing about the Deer Creek days. I hope that she knew how much she shaped our little lives and for me personally, fostered my love of reading and learning. My deepest sympathies to the family, may your good memories be of comfort to you in the days ahead. Deb Chouinard

Deb Chouinard - September 18, 2015 at 04:51 PM



“ Jean was a long time friend and colleague We taught together at Deer Creek and continued to be friends. She was such a kind and giving person who will be greatly missed. Life has been hard for her the last few years, but she had a great attitude. Will miss you, my friend.

Sandy Snow - September 18, 2015 at 01:09 PM