



## Joan Schmidt

October 29, 1935 - August 7, 2018

Joan Schmidt, age 82, passed away on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, August 13, 2018 at Zion Lutheran Church with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Interment will follow in Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Joan was born on October 29, 1935 in Atoka, Oklahoma a daughter of Hamilton and Gladys (Mead) Dillard. As a young child her parents divorced and her mother married Ralph Phillippe and the family moved to Hastings, Nebraska where she was raised and educated. Joan graduated high school from Hastings High School with the class of 1952. After her high school education Joan was at a roller rink where she had fallen down and a young man named Willis Schmidt rolled over her skirt, ripping it, and that was it! They were later married on March 21, 1953 in Hastings and to this union four children were born. The family moved to Fort Lewis, Washington where Willis served in the United States Army for two years. Following Willis' honorable discharge the family moved to Glendive where Joan stayed busy raising her children. Once all the kids were grown she went to work for Dyer Construction, Broeder Electric, and Conoco as a bookkeeper and some other odd jobs over the years until she took over bookkeeping duties for her husband's business, Willie's Heating. Joan had been taking care of the bookkeeping until the time of her passing. She was an active member of Our Savior Lutheran Church where she taught

Sunday School for many years and was also in the choir. She was also a girl scout leader for many years as well.

Joan was an avid reader (which she said kept her sharp), and she enjoyed bowling and camping. She was a wonderful cook and always had food ready and had the gift of hospitality given freely to all. Everyone always felt welcome at her home and several of the kids' friends also called her mom. She will be remembered for her kindness and willingness to help others and check in on anyone in need.

Joan's priority in life was always her faith, family, and friends. She was exceptionally proud of her children and her grandchildren. She was also proud of her Choctaw heritage and loved sharing that history with her family as well. She was preceded in death by her father, Hamilton; her mother and step-father, Gladys and Ralph; and one sister, Barbara Stephenson.

Joan is survived by her husband, Willis Schmidt of Glendive; daughter, Pam (Jim) Sundsted of Westby, Montana and their children, Michelle (Jakob) Cook and their two sets of twin boys Hudson and Nolan and Gannon and Colton, Melissa (James) Hobbs and their children, Ayden, Ashdyn, Austen, Aleya, and Aeverett, and Maria Sundsted; son, Dan (Becky) Schmidt of Glendive and their children, Jeffrey (Melissa) Schmidt and their children Mikala, Dillan, and Bridger, and David (Shauna Smith) Schmidt; daughter, Renee Day of Mankato, Minnesota and her daughter, Tiffany (Steve) Rhiger and their children, Kaitlyn and Kaleb; daughter, Belinda (Tom) Pavek of Sidney, Montana and their children Tyler Graham and his children Kyle (Kyle's daughter Sophia), Madison, Nevaeh, Eli, and Gabrielle, and Erin (Ryan) Baumgartner and their daughter Tristyn; one sister, Sherra Dawn Owen of New Mexico; her extended family adopted in love, Avis, Greg, and Bernie Anderson and their parents; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 13. 10:00 AM (MT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
401 Riverview Avenue  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Schmidt*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Willie, Pam, Dan, Renee, Belinda and families,*

*I am so sorry to hear of your wife and your Mom's passing. Joan was in my life for as long as I can remember. Growing up, our families made so many great memories with church activities, birthday celebrations, BBQ's, camping in summer, sledding in winter and the fall hunting adventures. Even with the sunburns, broken bones and broken glasses, we had such fun! Joan always knew when Pam and I were up to mischief and was like my second Mom. She was so warm and welcoming and always had a cure for what ailed us. Your Wife/Mom was a very special lady with a big personality and lots of love to give. My heart goes out to you. With my sincerest sympathy, Denise Hartz-Childs*



**Denise Childs** - August 14, 2018 at 07:04 PM



“ *Prayers to Joan's family. Our deepest sympathy.*

**Mary Scarpholt & Family** - August 12, 2018 at 09:53 PM

TA

“ Tony And Marge Aman lit a candle in memory of Joan Schmidt



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**Tony and Marge Aman** - August 12, 2018 at 09:02 PM

TH

“ Tammy Helmuth lit a candle in memory of Joan Schmidt



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**Tammy Helmuth** - August 12, 2018 at 07:11 PM

LM

“ Loretta McDanold Miller lit a candle in memory of Joan Schmidt



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**Loretta McDanold Miller** - August 12, 2018 at 07:52 AM

KM

“ What a great lady, always with a smile on her face! Great family and great Faith! Our Lord has welcomed her home!

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**kevin McGovern** - August 10, 2018 at 09:58 PM

SO

“ Love you so much, Jody. Miss not talking to you already. My heart and prayers go out to Willie and you all. She-dawn

Sherra Dawn Owen - August 10, 2018 at 07:20 PM

JK

“ Truly a great friend and genuine person all around... We have many great memories of Joan... I will miss our talks so much, but know she is resting in peace. Hugs to you all!



Jody Knoll - August 10, 2018 at 04:06 PM

Alice Bachmeier

“ Alice Bachmeier lit a candle in memory of Joan Schmidt



Alice Bachmeier - August 10, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan Schmidt.



August 10, 2018 at 02:17 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joan Schmidt.*



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August 10, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ *Linda Schuler lit a candle in memory of Joan Schmidt*



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**Linda Schuler** - August 10, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“ *Dan & Donna Dobson lit a candle in memory of Joan Schmidt*



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**Dan & Donna Dobson** - August 10, 2018 at 09:32 AM



“ *Becky Tipton lit a candle in memory of Joan Schmidt*



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**Becky Tipton** - August 09, 2018 at 10:17 PM

MH

“ *Marvin And Sue Howe lit a candle in memory of Joan Schmidt*



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**Marvin and Sue Howe** - August 09, 2018 at 09:29 PM

DG

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Joan's passing and we know the impact for all of you, her family. We are unable to attend the service, but our hearts and thoughts will be there. For us, in many fond memories she'll always be a second Mom...*

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**Dean & Kim George** - August 09, 2018 at 09:24 PM

TH

“ *Teresa Hathaway lit a candle in memory of Joan Schmidt*



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**Teresa Hathaway** - August 09, 2018 at 06:20 PM

JC

“ *Jamie And Teresa Chamberlain lit a candle in memory of Joan Schmidt*



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**Jamie and Teresa Chamberlain** - August 09, 2018 at 05:59 PM

JG

“ *Janice Grigsby lit a candle in memory of Joan Schmidt*



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**Janice Grigsby** - August 09, 2018 at 03:48 PM

DS

“ *Dick Sadorf lit a candle in memory of Joan Schmidt*



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**Dick Sadorf** - August 09, 2018 at 03:02 PM