



## Jodell Lea Dunkin

January 16, 1956 - January 11, 2017

Jodell (Jody) Lea Rahr-Dunkin, age 60, of Billings, Montana, passed away on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at the Billings Clinic in Billings. Visitation will be held from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Friday, January 20, 2017 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, Montana. Funeral services will take place at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Will Johnson officiating. Interment will be held in Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Jody was born in Glendive on January 16, 1956 to John and Virginia Rahr. She attended Washington Middle School, spent one year at Lutheran Academy in Mobridge, South Dakota, and came back to graduate from Dawson County High School. After graduation, she enrolled at Miles Community College and graduated with a nursing degree. She furthered her training in Phoenix, Arizona, specializing in intensive care. In 1987, Jody moved to Nashville, Tennessee to work for Baptist Hospital, where she was the care management heart failure coordinator. She met and married David Dunkin. To this union, a baby girl, Kaylea, was born. In 2014, Jody and Kaylea moved to Billings and Jody began working as a registered nurse for Billings Clinic.

Jody was always very independent and wanted to take care of her own life. She enjoyed caring for others, including her three younger brothers. She went so far as to feed them enough tea and snacks that they would begin to feel

sick, or sometimes dressed them in girl clothes. This ended when the boys were old enough to escape on their horses and 3-wheelers. Jody also loved to cook, but could never get down the art of noodle making. She always cut the noodles to wide in order to move on to the next task.

Jody was the best and most caring mother Kaylea could have been given.

Jody worked endlessly to help prepare Kaylea for a happy, healthy life.

Jody is preceded in death by her father, John.

Jody is survived by her mother Virginia Rahr, of Glendive; daughter Kaylea Dunkin of Billings; brothers John (Kim) Rahr of Glendive, James (Heather) Rahr of Billings, and Jeff of Glendive; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

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

## Visitation

JAN 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home  
221 North Meade Avenue  
Glendive, MT 59330

## Service

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (MT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
401 Riverview Avenue  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jodell Lea Dunkin*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *I loved growing up with Jody and her brothers. As youngsters, these 4 were amazing. As adults they are even more so.*

*Kathy Newton McLane*

**Kathy Newton McLane** - January 18, 2017 at 10:42 AM



“ *I, too, worked with Jody in hemodialysis at Baptist Hospital. She was an excellent nurse and cared well for her patients. She was very conscientious as well and loved her daughter to the moon and back. I am shocked and saddened by her passing.*

**Nannette Martin** - January 16, 2017 at 07:41 PM



“ *Brandy Rahr lit a candle in memory of Jodell Lea Dunkin*



**Brandy Rahr** - January 16, 2017 at 12:22 PM

JC

“ Jody was a Very Nice person. We worked at Baptist Hospital for Years. I remember one time Jody brought in a Delicious Cake ( the kind you wouldn't forget ) I am so sorry to hear of her passing. Jody was an asset to anyone that knew her.

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**Jeanette Coke** - January 14, 2017 at 11:57 PM

DR

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all in the Rahr family. Many happy times spent at the Rahr house in our growing up years. Will miss you cousin. Dan Rice and family.

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**Dan Rice** - January 14, 2017 at 10:38 PM



“ I had the opportunity to work with Jody for several years at Baptist Hospital in MICU. She was such a smart and compassionate nurse. Kaylea was the joy of her life. We mourn with you during this difficult time. Blessings to you all.

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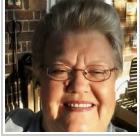
**Monica Satterwhite** - January 14, 2017 at 08:13 PM

NM

“ I worked with Jody at Baptist Hospital in Nashville TN for many years. She was a dedicated nurse and a wonderful mother to Kaylea. My heart and prayers go out to all her many friends and family.

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**Nancy McMahan** - January 14, 2017 at 07:10 PM



*“ I worked at Baptist hospital as so did she ,Jody was such a caring nurse She was an awesome mother to kaylea,This saddens me prayers for family ,lots of hugs for Kaylea.*



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**Linda Morton** - January 14, 2017 at 06:51 PM

BP

*“ So very sad to hear of Jody passing. We worked together at Baptist and she was such a big help when my Dad was in his last days. We shared a lot of laughs and I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Beverly Donoho Pipkin** - January 14, 2017 at 05:36 PM

HM

*“ I had the honor of working with her at Saint Thomas. She was one of a kind. My heart is broken and my thoughts and prayers go to her daughter and family*

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**Holly McMillan** - January 14, 2017 at 03:43 PM

LB

*“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the families at this time of loss.  
Lenore & Eloise Beach*

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**Lenore and Eloise Beach** - January 14, 2017 at 03:08 PM

RM

“ I worked with Jody in the MICU in Nashville, TN. We were both from a different state far from TN. One Christmas we went to Opryland Hotel to have a Christmas Lunch as we did not work that day and did not have enough time off to travel home. I always enjoyed working with her and she always shared her Peffernitters (not sure how to spell it but they were delicious) at Christmas time. I am so sorry for your loss and will be praying for you all at this difficult time.

Ronna McCord - January 14, 2017 at 03:01 PM

JR

“ Jody was so good to so many people. She was so wonderful with Kaylea. Heaven now has another angel.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Love,  
Jeannie & Mark Reed



Jeannie & Mark Reed - January 14, 2017 at 11:06 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jodell Lea Dunkin.



January 14, 2017 at 09:18 AM

LM

“ Virginia I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers today and in the difficult days to follow.  
With sincere sympathy  
Loretta McDanold Miller



Loretta McDanold Miller - January 14, 2017 at 09:07 AM

BT

“ Virginia I'm so sorry to hear about Jody! I will always remember meeting Jody and Kayla when I made the pink blanket for her sweet baby.... she was so proud of her beautiful baby girl.. Treasure all your memories and hold them close,they will get you through the difficult days Ahead!  
Hugs to you  
RIP Jody  
Becky (Chouinard) Tipton

Becky Tipton - January 14, 2017 at 12:35 AM

Mary Lou Simmons

“ I worked with Jody for just a very short time at Billings Clinic but so admired her hard work and ever present smile. My sincere condolences to her family. Mary Lou Simmons

Mary Lou Simmons - January 13, 2017 at 08:47 PM

Jeanne Loberg

“ Virginia and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Jody was a wonderful person, you are in my prayers.  
Jeanne (Malmend) Loberg

Jeanne Loberg - January 13, 2017 at 08:30 PM

DG

“ *Sending thoughts and sympathy for the loss to your family...*

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**Dean and Kim George** - January 13, 2017 at 06:58 PM