



Joyce Elaine Atkinson

November 30, 1935 - October 22, 2016

Joyce Elaine Atkinson, age 80 of Glendive, Montana passed away on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Pastor Greg Lucido officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Joyce was born on November 30, 1935 to John and Betsy Saxberg in Cooperstown, North Dakota. She graduated from Cooperstown High School with the class of 1953. After high school, she spent a short time working in Valley City, North Dakota. From there, she moved to Bismarck, North Dakota, where she worked for the Bismarck Hospital. While in Bismarck, she met Leonard Atkinson. The two were married on May 31, 1958 in Mandan, North Dakota. After their marriage, Joyce became a homemaker, and the couple moved to Wyoming, Nebraska, Texas, Washington, Oregon, North Dakota, and South Dakota, until 1988, when they moved to Glendive, where they have resided since.

Joyce enjoyed watching T.V., reading, doing crossword puzzles and crafts, spending time with her family and friends, walking the dogs, and going to church.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents; her sister Barbara; one infant son and one infant daughter.

She is survived by her husband Leonard Atkinson of Glendive; children Beverly (Troy) Donner of Reeder, North Dakota, Laura Jean Coker of Reeder,

and Leonard John Atkinson of Miles City, Montana; four grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one great-grandchild on the way; siblings Richard (Lois) Saxberg of Cooperstown, Jack (Carol) Saxberg of Salem, Oregon, and Karen (Sol) Bulick of Allensville, Pennsylvania; and numerous nieces and nephews. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Elaine Atkinson*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of
Joyce Elaine Atkinson*



Janette Legato - November 02, 2016 at 01:08 PM



“ *Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of
Joyce Elaine Atkinson*



Denise Stoddart - October 29, 2016 at 02:03 AM

LR

“ Sympathy is extended to the Atkinson family from Wisconsin. (I am the youngest (68)of Raymond Atkinson's girls) Just talked w/Wanda(80) whom Joyce had been keeping in contact w/the past few years, she always showed me her letters. Wanda relayed to me the passing of your Mom after hearing from you. Just want to let you know you will be thought of in the coming weeks, it is so hard to lose your parents, life is never the same. We are the "lucky" ones tho w/all the great memories we have, let those sustain you in the coming days.

*In our thoughts, our Sympathy to you.
Linda Atkinson Rhode.*

Linda Atkinson Rhode - October 24, 2016 at 08:31 PM

 Lois Marie Atkinson

“ My grandma was a wonderful caring women. She meant a lot to me. I spent almost every summer with my grandparents in glendive as a child. I looked forward to my summers with them. I use to go to work with my grandma at the super 8 motel. I enjoyed spending time with her. I never wanted this day to come. I wish she could of stayed with us forever. I just wish she could of stayed 2 more months so she could meet her great grandson but that's ok because I know she will be his little guardian angel. I miss you grandma and I will always love you. ❤️

Lois Marie Atkinson - October 24, 2016 at 07:12 PM

BD

“ My mom was the greatest mom in the world. We will miss her so much .

Beverly Donner - October 24, 2016 at 11:23 AM

BT

“ *Becky Tipton lit a candle in memory of Joyce Elaine Atkinson*



Becky Tipton - October 23, 2016 at 02:30 PM

BT

“ *Joyce family, I'm sorry for your loss she was such a sweetheart. Thank you for sharing your mom with those of us that worked at EMVH. I cleaned her room for over a year and she was always smiling.
RIP Joyce
Becky Tipton*

Becky Tipton - October 23, 2016 at 02:30 PM

BD

Thank you, she is missed so much already

Beverly Donner - October 25, 2016 at 04:31 PM

DB

*We have known Joyce for many years. What a sweet lady. Rip Joyce.
The Byrons*

Dennis and Cindi Byron - October 26, 2016 at 08:29 PM

BD

Thank you all for your post

Beverly Donner - October 29, 2016 at 09:58 PM

JL

I was one of the people that fixed Joyce's hair every week. She was a sweet lady..always smiling. We will miss her.

Janette Legato - November 02, 2016 at 01:11 PM