



Joyce J. Holmes

August 20, 1918 - March 19, 2020

Joyce J. Holmes, age 101, of Glendive, Montana formerly of Leonard, North Dakota, passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2020 in Glendive. Memorial services will be held at a later date in Kindred, North Dakota with burial in Leonard Cemetery in Leonard. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Joyce was born on August 20, 1918 in Sherwood, North Dakota, a daughter of Henry John and Minnie Alvida (Lindholm) Armstrong. She was raised and educated in the Sherwood area and received her early education from the Hamerly Elementary School. She later graduated from Mohall High School in Mohall, North Dakota.

After her high school education Joyce worked in Minot, North Dakota at a boarding house and did housekeeping and child care for another family. She first met Virgil Holmes at Ephrath League Bible Camp and they were later married on August 2, 1938 in Mohall. The couple remained in Minot for a few years and then moved to Lansford, North Dakota where they farmed until 1946. At that time they moved to Portland, Oregon so Virgil could go to college to obtain his four year degree as a Methodist Pastor. After Virgil received his degree they moved back to North Dakota and served several churches throughout the state. Joyce was very involved and supportive of Virgil's ministry. Virgil retired in 1979 when they moved to Leonard, North Dakota. After Virgil's passing in 1988, Joyce remained in Leonard until 2016 when she moved to Glendive to be with her daughter until her passing.

Joyce always had beautiful flower beds. She enjoyed reading and started every day with her bible and devotions. She made her first quilt in her late seventies. Joyce was an inspiration to her family and friends with her beautiful smile and positive attitude for life. She had a strong faith in the Lord which was evident throughout her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Minnie; her husband, Virgil in 1988; four siblings, June Bauer, Audrey Roth, John "Jack" Armstrong, and Virginia Carlton; and her daughter-in-law, Judy Holmes who passed away in January.

Joyce is survived by her son, Gordon Holmes of Richfield, Minnesota; her daughter, Joan (Ron) Haugeberg of Glendive; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great, great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

If desired memorial may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Joyce J. Holmes

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ The irony in the timing of this news is interesting. Just last week I got hungry for the peanut-oatmeal cookie recipe I got from Joyce about 50 years ago. Most of our ministry was in North Dakota, so we connected with your parents occasionally. DeVern did quite a lot of evangelism work for Dakotas churches, and was helping Virgil with special services, when we had the privilege of eating those wonderful cookies of hers. I hadn't thought of that occasion for many years, but just last week got out the recipe and made them. A couple days later, this announcement came. I've already been thinking of her and remembering a special time. Thankful for her life, and praying for you during these days.
Joan (and DeVern) Schwenn, Milbank, SD

DeVern & Joan Schwenn - May 11, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Joyces death. She sent me Christmas cards every year until she lost my address I suppose. She and cousin Virgil were always supportive of my ministry. Lots and lots of great memories dating back to Lansford days and gatherings at the Holmes farm
Duane A Ewers. duaneaewers@icloud.com

Duane A Ewers - May 10, 2020 at 02:18 PM

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“ *Joan, our sympathies to you & your family. We remember Joyce well, especially with the fresh baked cookies waiting for us after school. Love, Jim Jan and also Joyce , my sister.*

JAMES w OLSON - March 26, 2020 at 12:07 PM

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“ *Carole J. Diede lit a candle in memory of Joyce J. Holmes*



Carole J. Diede - March 23, 2020 at 02:10 PM