



Joyce Shaffer

November 25, 1929 - September 12, 2015

Joyce Renee (Whaley) Shaffer, age 85, passed away on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at the Prairie County Nursing Home in Terry, Montana. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the First Congregational Church in Glendive with Brother Guy Pontoriero officiating. Interment will be held in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive, Montana have been entrusted with the arrangements.

Joyce was born on November 25, 1929 in Bemidji, Minnesota, a daughter of Archie and Emma (Peterson) Whaley. As a young child she moved with her family to Glendive. She attended Dawson County High School graduating with the class of 1947. While she was in high school, Joyce was a proud member of the National Honor Society. Following high school graduation, Joyce married Jim Shaffer on December 31, 1947 and to this union three children were born, Warren, Greg and Laurel.

Joyce worked for the Chamber of Commerce, while Jim began his career with the railroad. She later worked for Safeway Bakery for a couple years before starting a career managing Badlands Federal Credit Union for ten years. Jim retired shortly after Joyce and they spent their retirement years traveling. Joyce was a member of the First Congregational Church in Glendive, the Pilgrim Group and SoNu Homemakers Club in 1952 where she became Treasure from 1982 until 2012. She taught Sunday School and had a tradition to always make cookies or treat bags for the Sunday School students and the

teachers for Holidays. Joyce thrived at needle point, making sweaters, baby blankets and toile painting. She was an avid reader and enjoyed cribbage and crossword puzzles. She would always challenge herself with a difficult crossword puzzle as the easy and medium ones were not challenging enough for her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Archie and Emma Whaley; brother, Arlo Whaley; sister, Annabel Holmes and husband, Jim Shaffer. She is survived by her children, Warren (Teresa) Shaffer, Greg (Cheryl) Shaffer and Laurel (Kent) Cress; grandchildren, Amanda (Steven) Gillispie, Paul Shaffer, Sara (Nicolas) Chavez, Kalli Cress; great-granddaughter, Erica Gillispie and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials are suggested in Joyce's name to the Boys and Girls Club.

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

Memorial Service

OCT 3. 2:00 PM (MT)

First Congregational Church
120 West Power Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Shaffer*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Enjoyed knowing Joyce through Homemakers' meetings and various activities at her church. Sympathy to all her family.*

Marla McCormick

Marla McCormick - September 28, 2015 at 08:44 AM



“ *Dear Greg, Cheryl, Amanda, Paul, Sara, and Family,
May The Lord be with you all at this time of your Loved One's passing. Your Mother and Grandmother was a Great and Wonderful Lady, I can tell by the Loving Family that she raised and cared for and continue on now with much Joy for Life.*

*May God Bless you all and give you Comfort and Peace,
Paul, Lila, David, and Stephanie Cebulla
Bozeman, MT*

Lila Cebulla - September 23, 2015 at 10:56 PM



“ *Just heard about your mom. We are so sorry for your loss, she was a great lady! Ashley has many fond memories of her!! Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Deb & Todd Schwartz and family

Deb Schwartz - September 23, 2015 at 09:50 PM

PZ

“ So sorry to hear about Joyce. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family! Hugs..

Penny and Don Zimmerman - September 18, 2015 at 07:20 AM

TH

“ Teresa Hathaway lit a candle in memory of Joyce Shaffer



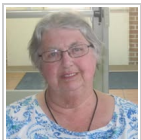
Teresa Hathaway - September 16, 2015 at 08:58 AM



“ Cynda Douglas lit a candle in memory of Joyce Shaffer



Cynda Douglas - September 15, 2015 at 11:44 PM



“ I am so grateful to have shared a sacred time with you. Thank you for including me. I miss seeing her here, and am honored to have come to know her. She was a kind and gentle woman. My prayers go with you.

Cynda Douglas - September 15, 2015 at 11:42 PM

JL

“ *Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of Joyce Shaffer*



Janette Legato - September 15, 2015 at 11:35 PM

KH

“ *Keith And Andy Huschka lit a candle in memory of Joyce Shaffer*



Keith and Andy Huschka - September 15, 2015 at 09:55 PM

KH

“ *Keith And Andy Huschka lit a candle in memory of Joyce Shaffer*



Keith and Andy Huschka - September 15, 2015 at 09:49 PM

DG

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Joyce's passing; she was a nice lady. We will always have fond memories of Joyce and Jim. Sending thoughts...*

Dean and Kim George

Dean and Kim George - September 15, 2015 at 05:49 PM

CA

“ *Sending love and prayers to the entire family. Sincerest Sympathy Wade & Cathy*

cathy austby - September 14, 2015 at 10:16 PM

CP

“ *GREG AND FAMILY-SO SORRY TO READ OF YOUR LOSS. KNOW YOU ARE ALL IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. CHERISH ALL THE FOND MEMORIES.*

CHERISE PATTERSON - September 14, 2015 at 02:11 PM

AA

“ *Dear Greg and Cheryl, I was sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. I was at Terry a couple of weeks ago and spoke to her. She and my mom were in the same Homemaker's group and I know Mom always enjoyed Joyce's good sense of humor and her pep and energy. Always difficult to lose Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God's peace, Avis Anderson*

Avis Anderson - September 14, 2015 at 11:51 AM