



Laretta Agnes Richert

September 10, 1927 - October 17, 2022

Laretta Agnes Richert, age 95 of Wibaux, Montana, peacefully passed away on Monday, October 17, 2022 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive, Montana. Visitation will be from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at the Silha Funeral Home in Wibaux. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM on Friday, October 21, 2022 at the Wibaux Bible Church with Pastor Rich Varnum officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Laretta was born on September 10, 1927 at the Northern Pacific Hospital in Glendive to Marie (Rush) and Berger Nelson. She went to country schools until she was old enough to ride her horse to Hodges. While there, she became a part of "the Cowboys" with her guitar. They played many dances. She graduated from Wibaux County High School in 1944 then attended EMC for 1 year so she could teach. She was a paraprofessional in small rural communities around Dawson and McCone counties until 1959.

Erbin and Laretta met at a school dance and were married in 1948 in Miles City, Montana. They made their home in Bloomfield for 11 years, at which time they moved to Hamilton, Montana. They worked on a small farm, but in the fall, they'd load up the pack mules and groups of hunters, back into the mountains. Laretta had her own mule with all of the food for her cooking at base camps.

In 1965, they moved to California to work in the Sequoia and Kings Canyon

National Park where they worked as cashiers, hostess, to manager for the dining room and at the coffee shop. They both truly loved being out there. In 1972 they moved back to Hamilton where Laretta was a bookkeeper for the nursing home there and Erbin worked at the elevator.

In 1979 they moved to Wibaux, where they owned and operated the Tastee Hut for 18 years. Her beloved Erbin died in 2004.

Laretta was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and siblings Don Nelson, Ruth Schlapia, and Mary Robinson.

She is survived by two nieces Marjorie Samuels of San Antonio, Texas, and Joan Miske of Wibaux, and numerous other nieces and nephews.

We appreciate your attendance.

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

Cemetery Details

Dawson County Cemetery

Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard
Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Wibaux, Montana
204 South Wibaux Street
Wibaux, MT 59353
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Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Wibaux Bible Church
101 North Wibaux Street
Wibaux, MT 59353

Tribute Wall



“ *Lauretta Agnes Richert*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *I had seen Loretta outside of Reynolds mkt. in Glendive not too long ago. I remember that she was Ruth Schlapia's sister. We had a short chat and I was hoping to see her again and chat some more. If one doesn't do something when one is thinking about it, you miss out! Sorry to hear of her passing, she was a sweetheart. God bless her! Kay Christianson Wynne*

kay christianson wynne - November 01, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ *Oh my beloved teacher, rest in peace knowing how many lives you touched for the better. I remember loving going to school, our little one room Lower Pleasant Valley, as you were there with your beautiful face and always seemed so glad to see us. I told you once at a breakfast in Glendive with you and my sisters that you were our best teacher even though you were the hardest teacher. You asked more of us and we gladly delivered. Why, I've often asked myself? You did it from a place of love and we could feel it. Just know you live on in our hearts and the wonderful example you set for us. Thank you, dear Lauretta.*

Tracy Whitmer

Tracy Whitmer - October 21, 2022 at 10:27 AM

SL

“ A beautiful lady and beautiful family. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you share precious memories.

Stella Lootens - October 20, 2022 at 05:03 PM

LU

“ What a beautiful lady!
Hands down, she was *THEE* best teacher we ever had. I'm including elementary school teachers, High School teachers, Bachelor level teachers, and my Master's level teachers.
What a difference she made in many lives! Laurretta Richert was a remarkable teacher. She was consistently firm but fair. She taught with love and kindness for children; teaching from the heart. She taught me what a great teacher is all about.

Obeying the rules and codes of conduct was easier with Laurretta Richert. One day i said a bad word - "Crap." She pulled me aside, and asked, "Do you know what that word means? (and told me) "Don't use it."

I am ever so thankful she was in our lives. I will always love and cherish her.

She will be greatly missed by all of us.

Lura Whitmer LeFevre

Class of 1954-1955

Lower Pleasant Valley

School District 108

Bloomfield, Montana

Lura - October 20, 2022 at 03:44 PM

CH

“ Joan I am sorry to hear about your Aunt Laurretta she was one of a kind and generious person. RIP as the angels needed another one

carol hanson - October 19, 2022 at 11:27 PM

CH

“ *carol hanson lit a candle in memory of
Lauretta Richert*



carol hanson - October 19, 2022 at 11:25 PM