



## Linda May Ridenhower

April 17, 1947 - April 18, 2025

Linda May Ridenhower, 78 of Beach, ND passed away April 18, 2025 at her home surrounded by the love of her caring family. Linda was the proud matriarch of her family and was beloved by us all. Linda was a devout Christian throughout her entire life and the family is comforted to know that she has gone home to be with the Lord.

Visitation will be from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at the Silha Funeral Home in Beach. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at Grace Church in Beach with Pastor Ben Baker officiating. Interment will be in the Beach City Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Linda May was born April 17, 1947, to Donald and Joyce (Snow) Metcalf in Beach, ND. They lived in Trotters, ND. In 1950 the family was blessed by the birth of her brother, Ronald. Linda attended Divide School in Golden Valley County until Christmas of grade 6 when the school shut down and Linda and Ronald were transferred to school in Beach. The family moved to Beach in 1958, and she finished her schooling at Lincoln Elementary and then Beach High School, graduating in 1965. Linda also won the Homemaker of the Year award in 1965 with the Rainbow Girls club, a title she lived up to her entire life for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

June 26, 1965, Linda married her sweetheart, Howard Ridenhower. Then, immediately a big move to Verndale, MN. The Minnesota years were busy tackling various jobs while working on farms. All four of their children were

born while living in Minnesota. They raised pigs, Howard trained horses, there was a large yard and garden to care for and plenty of horse shows to attend. In 1971, they bought a dairy farm where they won the Premier Dairy Farmer award, earning top producer for three years.

In 1979 they sold the dairy farm, and the family made their return move to Beach. Howard began his career at West Plains Implement, while Linda was kept busy with her children, jobs at the Wibaux County Nursing Home and Golden Valley dispatch. She of course was very active with the Women of Evangelical Church and the Golden Valley Community Cupboard. Linda had a large garden every year and was always cooking, sewing, fixing, moving, and remodeling; absolutely anything that needed to be done. She was a talented painter and quilter. Her works of art are treasured by all those who had been gifted with a painting and later on, beautiful handmade quilts. Linda took great care while constructing the "This is Your Life" scrapbooks for each of her children. She meticulously saved newspaper clippings, report cards, pictures, and provided family background creating treasured keepsakes. Linda was a wonderful cook, baker and hostess. Countless large family gatherings were catered as a group effort by all the ladies in the family, but mostly everyone was after Linda's lefse and chocolate birthday cakes.

The 90's brought more changes and adventures for Linda. By then all her kids were done with their schooling, and she was blessed by the births of her grandchildren. Linda was so proud of all eight of them, she had formed special and unique bonds with each of them. Oh, and more moving. In 1994, Howard and Linda move to Circle, MT then to Bowman/Scranton, ND in 1997, both times were to help establish another branch of West Plains Implement. Linda worked in the West Plains office while in Circle and then at Bowman County Elder Care. She and Howard made frequent trips back to Beach for visits with their parents.

In 2009, Howard retired, and they made their final move back home to Beach. They did some traveling but mostly cared for their parents, hosted family gatherings and began assisting other church leaders in the big project of a

new Church.... Grace Church. Since Howard's passing in 2015, Linda has been blessed with 8 great-grandchildren which has filled her with even more love and joy.

Linda is preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Joyce Metcalf; husband, Howard Ridenhower; father-in-law, Robert Ridenhower; mother-in-law, Gladys Berger; step father-in-law, Ed Berger; step father, Robert Austin; brother-in-law, Robert "Jim" Ridenhower; brother-in-law, George Stull.

Linda leaves behind her children, Gwen (Kevin) Dahlen of Fargo, ND; Paul (Jodi) Ridenhower of Beach; Mark (Katie) Ridenhower of Sheridan, WY; John (Michele) Ridenhower of Billings, MT; brother, Ron (Karen) Metcalf of Skaar, ND; sister-in-law, Jean Stull of Yankton, SD; sister-in-law, Judy Ridenhower of Beach; sister-in-law, Marilyn (Joe) Snyder of Bismarck, ND; brother-in-law Gary (Lois) Ridenhower of Stillwater, MN; grandchildren, Joshua (Sarah) Dahlen and their children Noah and Uriah; Jaleesa Stengel and her daughter Adeliah; Mikayla Ridenhower (Cooper Merrill) and their children Clancy and Clayton; Casey Rieger (Matt Strasheim); Sage Ridenhower; Annastasia (Justin) Hoeft; Sheldon (Mariah) Ridenhower and their children Lettie and Ledger; Brooklyn Ridenhower (Trevor Clark) and their daughter Emberly; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, and friends.

Special thanks to granddaughter Brooklyn, a wonderful nurse who took care of Linda around the clock during the last week of her life. Special thanks to granddaughter-in-law, Mariah who was of assistance to Brooklyn. Special thanks to daughter-in-law Jodi who accompanied Linda to her appointments. Special thanks to sister-in-law Judy who also accompanied Linda to some appointments and took care of many errands. Special thanks to all who came to visit and thank you all for the many prayers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Linda's name are suggested to Grace Church of Beach, ND.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Beach City Cemetery

Beach, ND 58621

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Beach, North Dakota  
125 4th Avenue Southwest  
P.O. Box 488  
Beach, ND 58621  
(701) 872-3232  
silha@midstate.net

## Funeral Service

APR **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Grace Church  
1060 3rd Avenue NW  
Beach, ND 58621

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Many thoughts and prayers, John and Angie Ross, Fargo, ND*

John and Angie Ross - May 02, 2025 at 07:42 AM

BE

“ *Bob Eckes lit a candle in memory of Linda May Ridenhower*



Bob Eckes - April 28, 2025 at 11:09 AM

CR

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Linda May. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Linda treated us like her own, spent hours playing with Gwen and Paul; Cathy, Verndale neighbors across the road.*

Cathy Riewer - April 23, 2025 at 12:16 AM

TS

“ *I always connected grace and patience with Linda all these years. I always looked forward to the Verndale trip each summer before school started again. Howard, Gary, Bruce and I could really put away the pancakes, sausage and beef! Your Mom never complained and seemed to enjoy the process. May God cover you all with his special peace and comfort. Terry*

Terry Stull - April 22, 2025 at 11:41 PM

TS

“ Family, Linda was a very special lady. She was an excellent cook! We will be praying tomorrow especially. She was a good friend.  
Love, Aunt Jean

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**Terry Stull** - April 22, 2025 at 11:34 PM

KP

“ Kim & Kevin Plummer lit a candle in memory of Linda May Ridenhower



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**Kim & Kevin Plummer** - April 22, 2025 at 09:58 PM

TW

“ Tammy Wellard lit a candle in memory of Linda May Ridenhower



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**Tammy Wellard** - April 22, 2025 at 12:37 PM

TW

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Linda. She always had a smile and always had time to stop and visit. She loved her family so very much!! Now she is reunited with Howard and what a glorious celebration they are having with all the family. Love you all!!  
Tammy & Tom Wellard

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**Tammy Wellard** - April 22, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Linda May Ridenhower.



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April 22, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda May Ridenhower.

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April 22, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Linda May Ridenhower.



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April 21, 2025 at 09:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Linda May Ridenhower.



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April 21, 2025 at 05:43 PM

JH

“ Prayers are sent to the family of Linda! May you all be given God’s strength and love. Prayers especially to you Gwen. God’s love! Tom and Jo Heckaman

Jo Heckaman - April 21, 2025 at 05:34 PM

TC

“ Paul, Jodi, & Sage,  
We are so sorry for the loss of your sweet Mom/Grandma! My boys will always remember their weekends with her. Especially her potato soup and her homemade pancakes!  
Tiffany & Family

Tiffany Conaway - April 21, 2025 at 12:52 PM

TF

“ Tiffany Conaway & Family lit a candle in memory of Linda Ridenhower



Tiffany Conaway & Family - April 21, 2025 at 12:16 PM

KN

“ May your Memories bring you Peace and Comfort as you CELEBRATE the life of your loved one. I am sending you lots of Love and Big Hugs

Kersti Noyes

Kersti Noyes - April 21, 2025 at 11:22 AM

VU

“ To Linda's friends and family, Tyler & I would like to extend our deepest condolences. Sending love...

VERNETTE (IRONS) & TYLER UNDERWOOD

VERNETTE UNDERWOOD - April 21, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Linda May Ridenhower.



April 21, 2025 at 08:09 AM

JO

“ To all of Linda's family I'm so sorry for your loss , John and Michelle I'm also thinking of you , hi to all the cousins thinking of you , may she rest in peace and go's bless , Jack osterhout , los ang ,california,

Jack osterhout - April 20, 2025 at 07:44 PM

BF

“ Condolences to Linda's family for their loss.

Brad and Brenda Fong - April 20, 2025 at 11:24 AM

SK

“ Sam & Danielle Fisher and kids purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Linda May Ridenhower.



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**Sam & Danielle Fisher and kids** - April 20, 2025 at 10:44 AM

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“ Linda has the sweetest, loving, caring soul. She spoke highly of her family and even more so of our Savior. I enjoyed doing Bible studies with her as she ALWAYS had a great story to add to it. To know she is with our FATHER is a peace that surpasses all understanding. My condolences to the family.

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**Andrea Matties** - April 20, 2025 at 12:42 AM

LM

“ Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of Linda Ridenhower



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**Linda McIntire** - April 19, 2025 at 11:18 PM