



## Lisa Shields

February 5, 1959 - March 8, 2021

Lisa Ann Shields, age 62, of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Monday, March 8, 2021 at Billings Clinic. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, March 19, 2021 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive, MT with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Rite of Committal will follow in Prairie County Cemetery in Terry, Montana. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Lisa was born on February 5, 1959 in Miles City, Montana, a daughter of Don and Rae (Buckingham) Hauk. They lived on the family farm outside of Terry until Lisa was ten years old at which time they moved to Stanford, Montana. During her high school years, she enjoyed band, choir, playing basketball, and running track. Lisa had a competitive drive and spirit that was contagious. She graduated as Salutatorian from Stanford High School with the class of 1977 and then furthered her education at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. While at MSU, Lisa's true love of learning earned her a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education, a Master's Degree in Education, and later a Doctorate Degree in Higher Education Administration. Her siblings were always proud to call her Doctor Shields! While studying at MSU she was active in the marching band, jazz band, and was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority.

It was while working with her dad painting houses during her senior summer of high school that Lisa was inspired to follow in his footsteps and pursue a career as a music teacher. His belief that no student was unreachable, and his

ability to personally connect with his students, profoundly influenced Lisa throughout her life. Music and teaching were her passion and she touched many students throughout her career.

After beginning her teaching career in Dutton, Montana, Lisa married Jim Shields on August 13, 1983 in Stanford, and together they had one daughter, A'Lynn in 1984. Following their marriage, they moved to Glendive where she began teaching music at Dawson Community College in 1991 until she retired after 25 years at the college. Lisa was uniquely creative and always inspired her students to dream big and that any goal was reachable. The annual Madrigal Dinner at the college was an event many students and community members were involved with over the years. Among the many musicals her students performed was the Broadway musical, *Forever Plaid*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, along with many others, all played to a full house for every performance. By her side at all these wonderful events were her husband Jim, the man behind the scenes, her daughter A'Lynn, and all her family and close friends. To expose her students to all forms of music and experiences, she routinely toured with them to perform at high schools and venues throughout the state and attended operas and symphonies in Billings, Bozeman, and Missoula. Her family fondly remembers bringing a group of students from DCC to Billings to perform at her sister-in-law's baby shower!

Lisa was intensely loyal and was a true confidant and mentor to her students. She was often the first person they turned to for advice, encouragement, or simply when then needed a friendly ear to listen to, or shoulder to cry on. The sign leading into Lisa's office read "enter as friends and leave as family." Countless DCC students became life-long family to Lisa over the years! Following her retirement from DCC and a few years at home enjoying her family, her flower garden, and more time with her animals, Lisa's love of helping students led her back to the classroom where she taught band at Dawson County High School and Washington Middle School. Lisa spent countless extra hours at the school so students could get extra practice time

to improve their skills. Teaching was always a passion for her and she encouraged and inspired her students to always reach their full potential.

One of the most cherished times in her life came when she became a Grandma and was able to spend time taking care of her grandson Landry James. He was literally the light of her eye! Grandma “Ya Ya” and Landry were the greatest of buddies who spent numerous hours on colors, shapes, and words; she wanted to make sure he was ready for preschool. Lisa passed on her love of animals to him and loved every moment they shared together. On top of her love of music and her incredible talent playing the saxophone, Lisa also loved animals. The amount of care that she put into a hurt or sick animal was uncanny and her brothers would often joke about Lisa bringing animals back to life by feeding them with a medicine dropper by her bed. Lisa was very strong in her Catholic faith and enjoyed helping with anything the church needed. She was active in the Altar Society, Catholic Daughters, CCD, and with the adult and youth music ministries.

Lisa was preceded in death by her mother, Rae Hauk. She is survived by her husband Jim of Glendive, Montana, daughter A'Lynn Shields (Ryan Kalvoda) and her grandson Landry of Glendive, Montana, father Don Hauk of Stanford, Montana, sister Rochelle Whittaker (Chris) of Laveen, Arizona, brother Jeremy Hauk (Monica) of Billings, Montana, brother Matthew Hauk (Carla) of Great Falls, Montana, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

If desired, a mass may be said in Lisa's name or a memorial may be made to the Montana State University Music Department in Lisa's name.

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

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 19. 10:00 AM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
316 West Benham Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lisa Shields*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Lisa you left too soon. She was a Mentor to many and was my saxophone instructor when I lived in Glendive. The universal language of music is what she impressed upon me. She would hand me cassettes, "Ron listen to this . . ." Oh to hear the haunting similarities between the chants of Navajo Yeibichai dancers and Bosnian highlanders. Her spirit is so aptly captured by the soprano sax song "Inside Myself" by Art Porter Jr. . . . take a listen. I can hear her still small voice: "Practice!" An adage for learning music and . . . life.*

*Jim and family, I am sorry for your loss.*

*-Ron Battle. Bellingham, WA*

**Ron Battle** - July 09, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ *LaNette Simonton lit a candle in memory of Lisa Shields*



**LaNette Simonton** - March 30, 2021 at 03:26 PM

PF

“ We are so sorry to hear of Lisa's passing. I worked at Dawson Community College with Lisa for many years. She and her program felt like they made the college complete. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lisa's family and friends.

Paul and Sandra Fasting - March 21, 2021 at 12:20 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lisa Shields.



March 19, 2021 at 11:28 AM

LH

“ May God bless and comfort you as we mourn the loss of this very special woman.  
Lee Larson Harris

Lee Harris - March 18, 2021 at 04:35 PM

BE

“ Border States Electric purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lisa Shields.



Border States Electric - March 18, 2021 at 04:34 PM

DH

“ So sorry to hear about your loss Jim and A'Lynn. What a special lady!

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**David Hrubes** - March 18, 2021 at 02:38 PM

PA

“ I was saddened to hear of Lisa's passing. I always knew her to be sweet and kind. She would laugh and tuck her head into her shoulder, smiling. Peace be with you, Lisa. Prayers to you, Ray, your families, and Lisa's family.

*Pat Hughes Antonich*

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**Pat Hughes Antonich** - March 18, 2021 at 11:14 AM

AR

“ I am saddened to hear of Mrs. Shields' passing. She was a wonderful woman. I have fond memories of choir, chamber chorus, the Madrigal & our Spring play. She brought out the best in everyone she was around. I am honored to have been one of her students. My heart is hurting for her family. May you be comforted with sweet memories during this time.

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**Amy Rapp** - March 18, 2021 at 02:36 AM

MG

“ My condolences to you A'Lynn and Jim. The memories I made at DCC with Lisa will stay with me forever.

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**Manny Garza** - March 18, 2021 at 01:22 AM

RF

“ Ron, Taubi Hecht and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lisa Shields.



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**Ron, Taubi Hecht and Family** - March 17, 2021 at 06:32 PM



“ My condolences to family and friends.

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**Tom Schmitt** - March 17, 2021 at 03:52 PM

JT

“ i loved the many visits I had with Lisa when we attended a Hawk Family gathering on Avalon Road. I enjoyed our shared passion for higher education and enjoyed talking with her about teaching and her work on her masters degree. She was a wonderful family member and a treasured part of the Hawk family. Our hearts go out to all of you and know you will miss her dearly.

*Jeannie Tracy (and all of us!)*

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**Jeannie Tracy** - March 16, 2021 at 11:35 PM

JA

“ Very sorry to hear this. She taught me drum lessons when I was at DCC.

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**Jason** - March 16, 2021 at 07:31 PM

JO

“ Jackie, Janna K & Ollie purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Lisa Shields.



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**Jackie, Janna K & Ollie** - March 15, 2021 at 10:50 AM

BH

“ A'Lynn and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the passing of your Mom. Hold your wonderful memories close. God Bless. Bill and Rita Hanley

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**Bill and Rita Hanley** - March 14, 2021 at 03:37 PM

LB

“ My heart breaks for all of you...Jim, A'Lynn, Mr. Hauk, Jeremy, Rochelle, Matthew & families. Your Lisa is gone way too soon. As I reflect on this sad news, I recall the first time I ever saw her...we were waiting in line to come back into school from recess, at Stanford Elementary. We were maybe 10. Lisa had on a maroon plaid skirt, ruffled white long sleeved blouse with matching maroon, plaid vest. White knee sox & black patent leather shoes. She had dark rimmed glasses & her long hair was meticulously curled into ringlets, (no doubt Rae spent much love & time on her that morning). A sight to behold for sure, but that was not the most impressive thing...I was most drawn to her because of her infectious laugh. It was more of a combination laugh/giggle with her tongue partially against her slightly opened mouth. I wanted to be near her, as many others did. Over our school years I rarely saw her without a smile on her face. Lisa truly had a heart of gold. I cannot imagine the pain her passing must bring to all of you. I am so very sorry. May she rest in peace with her mother now & may our Lord send each of you His strength & grace as you grieve. Many prayers from my heart. LeAnn Galt Feisthamel Bronk

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**LeAnn Galt Feisthamel Bronk** - March 13, 2021 at 04:16 PM

PA

“ Jim and family so sorry to here of Lisa passing she was such a wonderful person

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**Phil Anderson** - March 13, 2021 at 12:54 PM

AC

“ This news rocks my soul. Lisa! My high school classmate & music friend. Off to State Music Festival with her tenor sax solo/accompaniment. The daughter of musicians/teachers, she gave so much to Music in Montana.

Now I can see...she was always an 'old soul', with wisdom beyond her years. Rest easy in God's peace. See you up there in the Band.

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**Angela Claver** - March 13, 2021 at 11:54 AM

KM

Such a kind and loving gal!

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**kevin mcgovern** - March 14, 2021 at 11:07 AM

BC

“ I went to school with Lisa from the 6th grade. She was from a lovely family and a really nice person and so hardworking. It sounds like she made a wonderful life for herself and her family and gave back just like her father, Don Hauk. He was a really great teacher.

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**Brenda Challinor** - March 13, 2021 at 03:22 AM



“ oh Lisa, I have so many memories of our junior high and high school years, from helping you deliver newspapers after the street dance and picking flowers from peoples yards to present to Mom who was horrified that we had taken them from people. Cleaning up Schmidt's house before their parents came home and would have certainly grounded Bob and Tom. 😊 FHA was lots of fun along with choir, band, and basketball, NHS, etc. etc. I hope the angels in heaven, including your Mom are having a great time showing you around and having you set up the next celestial concert. Love your friend, Janet Deegan Chalberg

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**Janet Chalberg** - March 12, 2021 at 09:58 PM



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Tom Schmitt - March 17, 2021 at 03:53 PM

ST

“ Stacey



Stacey - March 12, 2021 at 09:49 PM

LG

“ *I started my music degree and DCC and had Lisa Shields as my instructor. She was such a beautiful soul and so soft spoken. I did way more than I thought I ever would with her positive that I could. My prayers and love go out to the family! May you find some comfort during this time! Lisa will live on through the memories of all the people she touched!*

Lorna Gajewski - March 12, 2021 at 08:39 PM

BF

“ *Very sad to hear that my friend and classmate has left this earth. Rest In Peace and god bless. My condolences to Lisa's family*

Brantley Forgy - March 12, 2021 at 07:51 PM

TH

“ *Tammy Helmuth lit a candle in memory of Lisa Shields*



Tammy Helmuth - March 12, 2021 at 10:15 AM

CB

“ *What a wonderful, kind, soft spoken lady , Lisa was! I am so happy to have known her. The heavens are rejoicing. Fly high my friend. You have earned your wings. Prayers of comfort to her family and friends.*

Cindi Byron - March 12, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lisa Shields.*



March 12, 2021 at 07:56 AM

KJ

“ *What an honor it was to play instrumentation for the song "Dúlamán" with the DCC choir directed by Lisa Shields some years back! That song has been playing in my head since I heard of Lisa's passing. We are so very sorry for your loss and will keep you in our prayers as you grieve. May God wrap you tightly in his loving arms and ease the ache in your hearts.*

Kate & Jerem Joyce - March 11, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lisa Shields.*



March 11, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lisa Shields.*



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March 11, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ *Gail Ring lit a candle in memory of Lisa Shields*



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**Gail Ring** - March 11, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ *Nancy Keller lit a candle in memory of Lisa Shields*



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**Nancy Keller** - March 11, 2021 at 03:41 PM



“ *Lisa will be missed in this earth but the angels will be glad to have yet another member in their heavenly choir!  
My deepest sympathy to Jim, A'Lynn, Uncle Don, Jeremy, Matt, Rochelle and families, may God keep his hedge of protection around each of you!  
Prayers and love for you all,  
Rosemary*

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**Rosemary Baldwin** - March 11, 2021 at 01:31 PM

LP

“ *LuAnn Price sent a virtual gift in memory of Lisa Shields*



LuAnn Price - March 11, 2021 at 12:54 PM

BS

“ *BCS Foundation Board of Directors and Staff purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Lisa Shields.*



BCS Foundation Board of Directors and Staff - March 11, 2021 at 12:06 PM

JH

“ *Jim & Anita Heide lit a candle in memory of Lisa Shields*



Jim & Anita Heide - March 10, 2021 at 10:48 PM

KS

“ *Karen Schock lit a candle in memory of Lisa Shields*



Karen Schock - March 10, 2021 at 05:55 PM

NP

“ Jim and A'Lynn, we are so sorry for your loss. We still fondly remember the little jeans jacket on our bed post. Neil, Anita and family.

Neil Parpart - March 10, 2021 at 05:50 PM

MH

“ Marvin And Sue Howe lit a candle in memory of Lisa Shields



Marvin and Sue Howe - March 10, 2021 at 03:59 PM

JP

“ Jim, so sorry to hear of the loss of your wife Lisa. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your daughter.

Jeanette Phillips - March 10, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lisa Shields.



March 10, 2021 at 01:42 PM

JS

“ Jim and A'lynn, I'm so sorry to hear this unexpected news. I'm really sorry for your loss.

Jonathan Shields - March 10, 2021 at 01:20 PM

ES

“ *Erna Shields, Don & Bobbie Shields purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lisa Shields.*



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**Erna Shields, Don & Bobbie Shields** - March 10, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lisa Shields.*



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March 10, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *I will never forget Lisa's love of music. She made my time at DCC unforgettable. She was such an important part of my college experience. I never would have had some of the experiences I did without her, such as the Madrigal, going to the Opera in Billings, Singing to the school in Terry, graduating from DCC and so many other things. I was fortunate enough to work with her and her family through various events at church events. I will miss seeing her when I come to town and being able to catch up! Rest In Peace Mrs Shields. To Jim and A'Lynn you are both in my thoughts and prayers!*



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**Ryan Doll** - March 10, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ *Heather Frank lit a candle in memory of Lisa Shields*



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**Heather Frank** - March 09, 2021 at 08:05 PM

GT

“ *Gina Tipton lit a candle in memory of Lisa Shields*



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**Gina Tipton** - March 09, 2021 at 07:54 PM

AH

“ *Jim and A'lynn, we are deeply sorry for your loss. We were so sad to hear this news. She was so good to Alex when he was in band. I was so impressed with how lovingly and positively she spoke to and about her students. It was apparent that she deeply cared about all of them. Our sincere condolence to her family. Paul and Amy Hopfauf*

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**amy hopfauf** - March 09, 2021 at 07:40 PM

JS

“ *Jim & Donna Stanfill lit a candle in memory of Lisa Shields*



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**Jim & Donna Stanfill** - March 09, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Lisa Shields.*



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March 09, 2021 at 05:04 PM



“ *Randy & Cheryl Unruh lit a candle in memory of Lisa Shields*



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**Randy & Cheryl Unruh** - March 09, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ *Jim and ALynn, I don't have the words...but know my heart breaks with yours and will deeply miss my sweet connections with your wife/mom, my beloved choir teacher from DCC days...Mrs. Shields...Lisa. <3*

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**Amy Hull** - March 09, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ *Pete Deb Vogel sent a virtual gift in memory of Lisa Shields*



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**Pete Deb Vogel** - March 09, 2021 at 04:03 PM

PV

Our thought and prayers are with you at this difficult time 🙏🕊️🙏

Pete and Deb Vogel - March 09, 2021 at 04:04 PM

LS

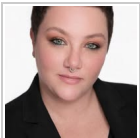
“ Lisa Shields was my band teacher. She was always so nice to be around, and you never felt unappreciated. She always told me how important I was and that I would accomplish anything I set my mind to any moment she got! It's heartbreaking knowing such a sweet lady has passed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time!

LeeAnn Stotler - March 09, 2021 at 12:34 PM

BM

“ Jim and ALynn, so very sorry to hear of Lisa passing, She was a wonderful Lady and she blessed so many people with her gift and love of music, was always a good day when you ran into and got to say Hi and get in a short visit Gods Blessings to you, You are in my thoughts and prayers Bruce Miller

Bruce Miller - March 09, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ Lisa was (and will always be) so much to so many people. She was so kind. She always took the time to listen or exchange a quick hug. I was so blessed to know her and was doubly blessed that my daughter was also able to be one of her students. Lisa lit the fires in so many souls. To say she will be missed is an understatement.



Jessica Duede - March 09, 2021 at 10:45 AM

TB

*Lisa was a pillar of the community and DCC. I was blessed to be a colleague of hers and took some of her summer sessions. Her musicals were wonderful. She will be missed deeply*

**Teresa Ley Bruha** - March 09, 2021 at 11:48 AM

GP

“ *Ginger & Kelly Pulse sent a virtual gift in memory of Lisa Shields*



**Ginger & Kelly Pulse** - March 09, 2021 at 09:40 AM

RY

“ *Rita Young lit a candle in memory of Lisa Shields*



**Rita Young** - March 09, 2021 at 09:28 AM

JD

“ *John N Terra Doll sent a virtual gift in memory of Lisa Shields*



**John n Terra Doll** - March 08, 2021 at 11:37 PM

LD

“ *Linda Dryden sent a virtual gift in memory of Lisa Shields*



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**Linda Dryden** - March 08, 2021 at 11:33 PM

LD

“ *Jim, A'Lynn and family,  
Sorry to hear of Lisa's passing, she was a wonderful and kind person. I enjoyed working at the college with Lisa, she was an inspiring instructor and the students loved her. God bless! Mike and Linda Dryden*

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**Linda Dryden** - March 08, 2021 at 11:31 PM



“ *Jim, Alynn and family I cannot express how saddened I am to hear of Lisa's passing. She touched so many of us with her love of music. She made me feel so loved and I will forever miss her and her warm hugs. She was a beautiful person and meant so much to our family.*

*Love,  
The Rule Family*

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**Eryn Rule** - March 08, 2021 at 11:05 PM

KB

“ *Oh Lisa...you inspired me greatly in college. My thoughts and prayers for your family. Music is alive in heaven with you. Keep the choirs and bands singing and playing.*

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**Kerry Burman** - March 08, 2021 at 10:11 PM

CH

“ *I will fondly remember the great love and attention she gave my daughter, Isabella while she was a music student at Dawson Community College! She will be missed!*

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**Caroline Heaps** - March 08, 2021 at 09:18 PM