



Lorraine Fern Benes

February 19, 1930 - February 16, 2023

Lorraine Fern Benes, age 92 of Glendive, Montana, died on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive of natural causes. Private family services will be held and interment will be in Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Lorraine was born on February 19, 1930 in Sidney, MT. Her mother, Laura (Olson) Knutson rode the Grey Goose home to Richey where they continued the journey to their farm near Vida. It was winter so the last leg was by horses and sled. Lorraine's father, Iver, immigrated from Norway in 1902. Laura Olson was born and lived near Dwight, ND, on a farm. They met there and married. Lorraine was the youngest of 6 siblings. In 1938 Laura died leaving Lorraine, 8 years old, to cope without a mom. This experience of grief remained with her. Lorraine and Merrick lived on their farm 5 miles south of Richey for over 26 years when they transitioned to Glendive. They were married 56 years and raised three daughters, Laurel, Deborah, and LaDonna.

Lorraine loved gardening, flowers, baking, and entertaining on the farm and at their home in Glendive. Lorraine had a beloved dog that was a friend for 11 years. She loved babies, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. My mom and dad loved talking about "the old days," remembering stories of friends and neighbors. Lorraine loved to dance with Merrick and often shared "your dad was the best dancer in the country." They now can dance together.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents, 3 brothers and 2 sisters; 2

daughters; and her grandson, Ryan.

Lorraine is survived by her daughter, LaDonna (Kim) Benes of Richey; four granddaughters, Jennifer (Dave) Toomey-Stoner, Melissa (Patrick) Skillestad, Andrea (Tom) Mowat, and Jenna Novak-Bentz; grandsons, Aaron and Brett (Sara) Novak; great granddaughters, Julia Stoner, Averie and Brecken Skillestad, Emilie Mowat, Olivia Toomey-Stoner, and Lennox Novak; great grandsons, Jack Stoner, Douglas Mowat, Sloan Toomey-Stoner, and Archer Novak.

There will always be a place at the table and in our hearts for you, Mom, grandmother, aunt, friend. May you be with all the saints gone before you. We will love and remember you as the flowers bloom, Eastern MT winds blow, and the sun shines.

Memorials in Lorraine's name are suggested to Happy Tails Cat Rescue in Glendive. Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence Sloan lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Benes*



Lawrence Sloan - March 04, 2024 at 08:22 PM

LS

“ *Lawrence Sloan lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Benes*



Lawrence Sloan - March 04, 2024 at 08:20 PM

DS

“ *Just wanted to say you are in our thoughts and prayers. May she rest in peace. Take care. Cindy, Dan and Marijean.*

Dan Sullivan. - February 24, 2023 at 02:01 PM

KH

“ *I am sorry to learn of Lorraine's passing.... I had the pleasure of getting to know her well over the past 3 years, I will miss sharing stories, memories of her family spanning a lifetime and her beautiful smile. I can only imagine the lovely, joyous reunion she's fen having in heaven. Rest in peace, dear lady, perhaps we'll meet again. ♡*

Kristine Hubbard - February 22, 2023 at 12:40 AM

JS

“ *Jim Donna Stanfill lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Benes*



Jim & Donna Stanfill - February 21, 2023 at 09:20 PM

LD

“ *Linda Deines lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Benes*



Linda Deines - February 18, 2023 at 04:08 PM