



Louise Ruth Knuths

November 6, 1929 - May 18, 2026

Louise Ruth Knuths, age 96 of Glendive, Montana passed away on Monday, May 18, 2026 at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care in Glendive. Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Louise was born on November 6, 1929 in Ashby, Nebraska to her parents Joseph and Iona (Lewis) Shackelford. As a young girl, she moved with her family to Ismay, Montana where she was raised and educated and graduated from Ismay High School with the class of 1948. Following high school, Louise moved to Miles City, Montana where she worked at a grocery store. While there she met Gordon Knuths and they were later married on September 3, 1950 in Miles City and to this union three boys were born. In 1956, the family moved to Terry, Montana where they ranched until 1982 and then ranched south of Miles City until 1988. At that time, they bought a ranch northeast of Glendive where she had remained until moving into GMC Extended Care in February of 2024.

Louise stayed busy raising her family and tending to all of the chores of a ranch wife. She cooked for brandings every year and hauled many a meal out to the cowboys while they were working over the years. She enjoyed long walks, sewing and was very involved with the Cowbells Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Iona; her husband, Gordon; one infant son, Trent and four brothers, Jim, Frank "Bud", Gail and Richard "Dick" Shackelford.

Louise is survived by two sons, Troy (Donna) Knuths of Glendive and Terry (Kris) Knuths of Ismay; four grandchildren, Casey (Staci) Knuths of Glendive, Kelli (Tyler) Gardner of Ashland, Montana, Amber (Jeff) Campbell of Buffalo, Wyoming and Rusty (Amanda) Knuths of Ismay; six great-grandchildren, Kellan, Brody, Destry, Kane, Beth and Katherine; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Tribute Wall

GM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Sending our love and Condolences from your family in Canada . Marilyn (Lewis) Neufeld, Linda (Lewis) Landry, Gale (Lewis)Mabley... our dad Loren was lona youngest brother

Gale Mabley - June 18 at 07:15 PM

CH

“ From her trying to teach me to knit (unsuccessfully), to us having a competition to see who could find the first crocus of the year (sometimes I even won), to her teaching me the secret to putting sugar into tea....I learned a lot from her. Thank you for sharing her with us all these years. May you find a small semblance of peace in knowing she won't be forgotten. Sending love and well wishes your way.

Cali Hilliard - May 25 at 10:48 PM

GE

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Louise's family. I always enjoyed visiting with her when she was in the hospital. I loved seeing her in her jeans and her spunky personality.

Garnee Erickson - May 24 at 10:52 PM

BD

“ To the Knuths family ,Louise was a dear friend to me.i got to know her while she lived at grandview independent living, we shared our lives of being country women.Louise was a good woman,we shared many stories.

Buxbaum Donna - May 24 at 12:21 AM



“ To the Knuths Family, We've enjoyed a friendship with your family for many years. Your Mom and Grandma was one of the best. She lived a full life and was a friend to everyone. It's been an honor.

Larry and Judy Jens - May 23 at 12:43 PM



“ Kymberley Allen lit a candle in memory of Louise Knuths



Kymberley Allen - May 23 at 02:35 AM



“ Mike and Linda Wyse lit a candle in memory of Louise Knuths



Mike and Linda Wyse - May 22 at 09:24 PM



“ Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of Louise Knuths



Andeen Raymond - May 22 at 04:00 PM

EB

“ I have so many great memories with Gordon and Louis after they took me in and established a home on the ranch for Chely and me. What a wonderful and genuinely nice person. My sincere condolences to Troy, Terry and families

Ed Brubaker - May 22 at 10:43 AM

JH

“ Troy and Terry...your mom was such a special person in my life and I will always remember those 6 weeks I stayed with your family when the folks went to Australia. I still remember rabbit hunting in the dark, trapping a bobcat by his 3 toes, banging up the side of the pickup pulling it in the garage...and the look your dad gave me, buckwheat pancakes (hated them), steak and biscuits and gravy for breakfast (loved it), My deepest condolences on the loss of your mother. Judy Hubing

Judy H - May 22 at 12:43 AM

BF

“ Sincere condolences to Troy and Terry families. Your Mom treated and fed me very well years ago. She was a pleasant and gracious lady.

Bruce Finneman

Bruce Finneman - May 21 at 06:08 PM

TE

“ Our sympathy to Troy and Terry and their families. Louise was always so fun to visit with.

Tim and Diane Ehman - May 21 at 04:26 PM



“ So sorry to hear Louise passed away. Always enjoyed visiting with her at a homemaker club meeting or at the Farmers Markets . She always had a smile . Hugs and prayers to the family. Cherish the memories.

Sherry and Arvid Corneliusen

Sherry Corneliusen - May 21 at 04:11 PM

BJ

“ I was pleased to be one of Louise's hairdressers until I retired. What a spiffy little lady she was! She always looked "just so" and we enjoyed good conversation and a few good laughs too!

I remember her telling of when she and Gordon had new calves and one mama cow took exception to Louise's messin' with her calf, and up and broke some of Louise's bones! That may have been the end gate to her helping with that...🤔

My time spent with Louise aor meeting her somewhere in town always brought a smile. She was delightful.

My sincere sympathy to her loved ones!💜

Barbara Johnson - May 21 at 11:33 AM

KL

“ Kent and Christie Liles lit a candle in memory of Louise Knuths



Kent and Christie Liles - May 21 at 07:49 AM

RB

“ *Rita Berube lit a candle in memory of Louise Knuths*



Rita Berube - May 20 at 04:37 PM