



Lucille Frerichs

July 27, 1925 - April 2, 2018

Lucille (Buck) Frerichs, age 92, formerly of Wilmot, South Dakota, passed away on Monday, April 2, 2018 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive, Montana. Visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. and from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, April 6, 2018 at the Silha Funeral Home with Reverend Avis Anderson officiating. Interment will follow in Dawson County Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Lucille was born on July 27, 1925 in Cass County, Minnesota, a daughter of Henry "Hank" and Ulla (Vaughan) Pietz. They lived out in the country northeast of Motley, Minnesota where Lucille was raised. Growing up Lucille's father instilled in her and her siblings a lifelong love of the outdoors by taking them hunting and fishing. The Pietz family moved to Vancouver, Washington in 1941 and while there Lucille worked at the PX at Fort Vancouver and at Kaiser Ship Yard as a ship wright helper. She also worked at Pacific Telephone & Telegraph as an operator.

That same year Lucille met a handsome soldier, Alvin Buck, on a train. Soon after their meeting, Alvin's unit was shipped overseas, but Lucille and Alvin corresponded by mail during his many years away. Following Alvin's discharge in 1945, the two were married that year in November. The couple moved to Glendive shortly thereafter where they had four children: Brenda, Rita, Alvin, Jr. "Frenchy", and Sherry. The family spent many happy days with

trips to Makoshika, camping and fishing in Fort Peck and summer vacations visiting Lucille's family in Washington state. Lucille and Alvin ran a service station and a rural mail route. Over the years Lucille worked at MDU, Flint Engineering, Dawson County High School, and was the manager of the Glendive Chamber of Commerce. In 1974, Alvin passed away suddenly at the age of 55.

Lucille later married Donald Frerichs, and moved to South Dakota where they owned a farm north of Wilmot. Lucille enjoyed the farm life, helping with cows and harvest. She also loved fishing and camping at the many lakes in the area.

Lucille was a gifted artist who always enjoyed painting and drawing. She spent many hours in her "shed turned art studio," painting landscapes on mailboxes and cream cans for her friends and family.

Donald later passed away in 2015, and following that Lucille wanted to return to her beloved Montana. She did so in February of 2016 where she resided at the Eastern Montana Veteran's Home. She loved being closer to her daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She especially loved all her visits and hugs from her great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Alvin; her daughter, Rita; second husband, Donald; one brother, Bud Pietz; and one son-in-law, Charlie Welch.

Lucille is survived by her daughter, Brenda (Doug) Nissley of Glendive; son, Al Buck of Buckley, Washington; daughter, Sherry Welch of Gillette, Wyoming; nine grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; two sisters, Patty (Gene) Cason of Auburn, Washington and Marlene (George) Stecher of Vancouver; sister-in-law, Alice Kampschor of Grand Junction, Colorado; brother-in-law, Gene (Judy) Frerichs of Milbank, South Dakota; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

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Visitation

APR 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

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Funeral Service

APR 6. 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lucille Frerichs*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *I always will remember having coffee with Lucille and her telling me about her family, and how she met Alvin. She was a special member of our family and she will be dearly missed.*

Jess Reil - April 14, 2018 at 06:28 PM



“ *My husband and I so enjoyed our visits with Lucille and Donald over the years. She painted two of our cream cans and I think of her every day. So glad that she got to spend her final days with her family. She was a gem. God Bless You.*

June Van Asch

June Van Asch - April 13, 2018 at 12:16 PM



“ *The family of William Reil Sr. shared so many memories with Lucille! Both in Montana and in South Dakota, she was a warm presence in our lives. Before they were married, when our cousin, Alvin first returned from WWII, Lucille stayed in Helen's bedroom with her. She was always so nice to Helen. Lucille brightened the day of our father, Bill with her laughter whenever she visited him at the Corona farm.*

To her dear family & friends, we send thoughts of comfort and raise prayers for their peace. God bless you.

Helen Reil Constant & Pete Reil

Helen Constant - April 10, 2018 at 07:19 PM

KB

“ So sad to hear of Lucille’s passing. As a child, I remembered her fondly as the beautiful mother of Rita, Brenda, Frenchy, and Sherry. After Rita’s death, we wrote to each other and I treasured her memories of all the “Heights kids!” She was a lovely factor in my wonderful Glendive childhood! God bless all the Buck family.
Kim Johnson Brown

kim Johnson Brown - April 09, 2018 at 06:45 PM

KJ

“ *Kay McDonough Jensen lit a candle in memory of Lucille Frerichs*



Kay McDonough Jensen - April 08, 2018 at 02:07 PM

KH

“ *Brenda, Frenchy, Sherry and Families:*

*I am so sorry to hear Lucy passed away but she is free of pain and reunited with her family in Heaven! She was a second Mom to me and I cherish my memories. I am so Thankful for the few times I did get to see her when she was in South Dakota also! May all your memories be a source of peace and comfort for you at this time. You are in my thoughts and prayers!
Love and Hugs to All!
Kris Haines*



Kris Haines - April 06, 2018 at 05:55 PM

LS

“*Lucille was very dear to our family. I will never forget her, as she was like a special aunt. I can still hear her voice, saying "Oh darlin' how you been?" I will miss her greatly. Lisa Harms Schell*

Lisa Schell - April 05, 2018 at 08:29 PM



“*Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lucille Frerichs.*



April 05, 2018 at 12:02 PM

LD

“*Linda Deines lit a candle in memory of Lucille Frerichs*



linda deines - April 05, 2018 at 09:56 AM

SB

“*Lucille's family,
What a dear lady Lucille was! I know you will miss her, but we are so happy that she is with her Lord and Savior and Rita whom she missed so. We are also thankful that she was able to go "back home" and spend time with her family before she passed. She always made us feel like family, too. God's peace.
Brian and Susie Buttke*

Susie Buttke - April 04, 2018 at 11:02 PM

GU

“ Sorry to hear of Lucille's passing. I have nothing but wonderful memories of her. She always was eager to listen to what ever you had to say when talking with her. Lucille hired me to do some interior painting at her Wilmot farm home years ago and what a joy it was to work for her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless you. Gary and Jeanette Underwood

Gary and Jeanette Underwood - April 04, 2018 at 09:52 PM

GG

“ It saddens me to hear about Lucille, I always enjoyed talking to her. While in High School she was always a couple steps in front of me and Frenchy. Somehow she knew we were up to trouble before we even made the plan. R.I.P. Lucille.

I will always have fond memories.

Gary L. Gaub, Prescott Valley AZ

Gary L. Gaub - April 04, 2018 at 08:21 PM

LS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Lucille's passing. I will never forget her. she had a way of always making me smile I could knock on her door and she would respond "Is that Lindsay" the stories she would tell and how she always appreciated a visit even if it was a quick one. She had a great love for her family and anytime she would talk about anyone coming to visit she was over the moon with excitement. keep your memories close in these difficult times buy know that she is always with you and cared so much for each and every one of you. Also, please know that I am keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.



Lindsay Sadorf - April 04, 2018 at 03:08 PM

MS

“ *Mel And Kathy Sampson lit a candle in memory of Lucille Frerichs*



Mel and Kathy Sampson - April 04, 2018 at 01:31 PM

MS

“ *Brenda and family,
I was so sorry to read about the loss of your mother. She was always so friendly to me and such a classy lady. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family. Cherish the memories that you had together.*
Mel Sampson

Mel Sampson - April 04, 2018 at 01:30 PM

TF

“ *Todd Frerichs, Brenda Ramstad, and families. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lucille Frerichs.*



Todd Frerichs, Brenda Ramstad, and families. - April 04, 2018 at 09:35 AM

CH

“ *My Sincere Sympathy to all the Family !!!*

Chuck Heinrich

Chuck Heinrich - April 03, 2018 at 10:52 PM

JL

“ I am so glad I got to know Lucille at the Veteran's Home. I will miss her smiles & hugs on Thursdays, and all her great stories.



Janette Legato - April 03, 2018 at 06:02 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Lucille Frerichs.



April 03, 2018 at 01:53 PM

JB

“ Family of beautiful Lucille.
I was honored to have worked with Lucille at EMVH for the few months I did. I learned much about her life and family. She brightened every day for me there. God bless you all and may comfort be in you as you go through this difficult time.
Jo Zimdars Bain.

jo bain - April 03, 2018 at 11:56 AM

FS

“ I remember Lucille as a very pleasant, classy lady ! She had her upstairs bedrooms so nicely decorated and each room so uniquely done ! Our sympathies to all of the family ! 🙏

Faith Sandbakken - April 03, 2018 at 11:46 AM