



## Mae "Arline" Voss

June 5, 1922 - January 21, 2015

Arline Voss, age 92, asked her daughter to pack her things as she was going home. She went to be with her Lord on January 21, 2015. She was a loving and kind wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, daughter, aunt and cousin to all.

Mom was born June 5, 1922 in Billings, Montana the first born child of W. L. "Loren" Downs and Hilder "Vera" (Osman) Downs. She was later joined by four siblings while growing up on the family farm in Molt. She attended elementary school in Molt and graduated from Broadview High School in 1940.

Arline always enjoyed children, so upon her graduation she attended Normal School for Teachers (now MSU-Billings) and received a lifetime Teaching Certificate. Thus, began a 33 year long career as an educator. She taught in Lavina, Glendive, Sioux Creek School in Dawson County and the longest stretch at the Circle Bo Beep School teaching first grade to many a beloved student. Her life was blessed with many memories of her kids at school and fellow teachers and still spent many hours talking about them and keeping up with their lives.

It was during her time as a teacher in Glendive that she met her soul mate and "Man of Her Dreams" Gene Voss at a Union Hall Dance. She then went

from being Miss Downs to Mrs. Voss. They continued to dance their way through life after their marriage on July 20, 1946. To this union five children were born into their mother's loving arms. Arline and Gene raised their children on the Voss Family Farm in Dawson County as well as raising cattle and wheat.

Mom and Dad enjoyed their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and spent many hours attending and supporting them in their school activities, weddings and birthdays. They also spent many years enjoying the "Circle Squares" square dance club traveling throughout Eastern Montana and Western North Dakota.

Mom's last few years were spent in the Billings area while she yet made many new friends and acquaintances.

Mom's waltzing across heaven. We will miss you and love you always.

Arline was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Gene, daughter, Carol and her parents.

Mom is survived by her children; Dona (Gary) Owen of Billings, Loren (Kathy) Voss of Circle, Karen (Kerry) Varner of Canon City, Colorado and Rose Marie (Frank) Edwards of Jordan, son-in-law Dick Barbula of Winnett, 14 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren with two more on the way, her brothers Ernie Downs of Billings, Ralph (Mona) Downs and Bill (Shirley) Downs all of Molt, and a sister Doris Lenhardt of Billings along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at the First Lutheran Church in Circle, Montana with Pastor Wade Brinkopf officiating. Interment will follow in the Riverview Cemetery in Circle. Silha

Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

If one so desires to send memorials, they may submit to a charity of one's choosing.

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

## Cemetery Details

### Riverview Cemetery

Circle, MT 59215

## Previous Events

### Celebration of Life

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (MT)

First Lutheran Church  
1200 Avenue C  
Circle, MT 59215

# Tribute Wall



“ Mae "Arline" Voss

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ Loren (and family):  
So sorry to read of the loss of Arline. I never got the privilege to have her as a teacher, but I do remember her from the years I went to Redwater elementary. I pray for your comfort at this time.  
Dawn (Heide) Harvey

Dawn Harvey - February 04, 2015 at 03:27 PM



“ Sorry to here of your loss, we had some good times square dancing together!

Bob and Connie Phalen - February 02, 2015 at 06:13 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. She was a great teacher! She was also much more advanced in her years than I was as a 1st grader. I can't count how many times she caught me with gum. :)  
May you rest in peace Mrs. Voss.


Meccala (Mitchell) Draper - February 02, 2015 at 12:10 AM

JC

“ Sorry to hear about Arline. Gene and her were such a great and kind couple.  
Their home was always warm and welcoming. Over the years, whenever I ran into them in Circle, we would have a nice time catching up with what and where their kids were.  
My Mom remembered that Arline was the first one to welcome her to the First Lutheran Church when she joined.  
She will be missed in the community and the church.

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**Joyce Langemo Camper** - February 01, 2015 at 07:07 PM


 Katherine Schmidt

“ Wonderful lady! My 3rd grade teacher, I have great memories of this time!  
prayers to family!



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**Katherine Schmidt** - February 01, 2015 at 03:09 AM

 Cindie Fitch

“ We moved to Circle part way through my first grade year. I was fortunate to leave a mean teacher to a smiling and loving Mrs. Voss. Carol and her friend Sally took me in and we spent our school years staying with each other. I can still remember her voice and how good it felt to be welcomed by Arline. I am saddened but thankful she can see Gene everyday again. God bless her family while you grieve your loss.

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**Cindie Fitch** - January 31, 2015 at 08:57 AM

GB

“ My deepest sympathy to the Voss family during this difficult time. I remember Arline well as my parents (Clay and Irene Berger) were also members of the Circle Squares back in the early to mid-70s. My dad and I also had the privilege hunting out at the ranch back then also. That was the first place I ever legally hunted as a new hunter. Arline was such a joy to be around and she touched a lot of young lives throughout her career as a teacher, mother, and grandmother. She will be greatly missed.

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**Greg Berger** - January 30, 2015 at 09:01 PM

LJ

My earliest memory of Arlene: we were standing side by side at the Bicka(sp) auction sale in their bedroom, changing diapers on our sons who were very near the same age. We remained neighbors for a long time. All my memories of her are pleasant whether it was planning skits for Home makers Club or regular farm work or whatever. You are all in my prayers.

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**Lucille M Jensen** - February 01, 2015 at 09:43 PM

SL

“ I first met Arline when she was my 1st grade teacher. I think I was kind of one of the teacher's pets! After Carol and I became best friends, I spent so much time at their house! Gene and Arline were like my second parents. When Carol got in trouble, I did too right along with her! When my kids came along, she was Grandma Arline! She loved kids! I was with Gene and Arline the night Carol got killed. The worst night of all of our lives but I am glad we were there for each other. I did stop and see her in Billings a few times which I am thankful for. Even after she went to the nursing home, she still knew me! Said how I spent so much time at their house! She is going to be missed by so many but like I told Doug, she is with Gene and Carol again and I bet her and Gene are having coffee and catching up on lots of gossip!

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**Sally Lehner** - January 30, 2015 at 07:58 PM

CW

“ Cheri (Fritz) Weidner lit a candle in memory of Mae "Arline" Voss



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**Cheri (Fritz) Weidner** - January 30, 2015 at 07:40 PM

BM

“ Blaine And Barb Moline lit a candle in memory of Mae "Arline" Voss



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**Blaine and Barb Moline** - January 26, 2015 at 03:11 PM