



Margaret Ruth Novotny

June 17, 1924 - January 21, 2021

Margaret Ruth Novotny, 96, passed away at the Eastern Montana Veterans' Home, Glendive, Montana, on January 21, 2021. All those who love her and whom she loved, are grateful that she was able to be part of our lives for so long, and feel blessed that she had a peaceful and comfortable death.

Margaret was born to parents Ben and Celia Lynch in Sauk Center, Minnesota in 1924. She attended school in Sauk Centre. She married young, and worked hard to support her daughter, Shirley.

She married her soulmate, Ray Novotny, in Beach, North Dakota in 1953, and they shared 61 years of marriage together. They enjoyed each other's company, and had a lot of fun together. Once, while driving, a good song came on the car radio, so they pulled over to the side of the road and got out of the car and danced together. They loved travelling in their 5th-wheeler and going fishing. She was a wise and lucky visitor to the local casinos, and she loved to play cards. She very much enjoyed the gentlemen who drove the local bus, and they were very good to her. She made a mean sauerkraut.

Margaret had the biggest, kindest heart, and gave the most wonderful hugs. She had a keen and unfailing sense of humor, and a wonderful laugh.

Margaret was predeceased by her husband, Ray, and her parents, Ben and Cecelia. She was also predeceased by her four siblings, Mary, Nora, Thomas and Bernadine, and her son-in-law, Peter.

She is survived by her daughter Shirley (née Bliss) Atkinson (Peter), her grandchildren Sue Atkinson (Heather), Cathy Darrow (John), Lisa Dudley

(Sherri), Carolyn Atkinson (Christopher) and Steve Atkinson (Jody), and her granddaughters Juniper and Chloe. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews, and grand and great-grand nieces and nephews.

The family is so grateful for the support both they and Margaret have received from her niece, Swenda Braden and family, and her friends, Edna Schock and Dee Hall. Thank you to those who provided excellent end of life care at the Eastern Montana Veterans' Home, and to those at the Grandview Retirement Home. She enjoyed the staff there and made many friends. She and Ray were faithful members of Sacred Heart Parish.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Francis Schreiber officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Ruth Novotny*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Denise Douglass Smith lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ruth Novotny*



Denise Douglass Smith - January 29, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ *Moving to Glendive was a great experience when you are as lucky as we were to move in next door to Ray & Marge. Marge always had a smile and a wave when she saw us and a big hug too. She once told me "I'm a hugger and I come from a family of huggers, so be warned!" After Ray passed and Marge sold her house our little neighborhood was sure lonely. You were such a wonderful neighbor and lovely person. We will never forget you neighbor.*

Dave & Cheri Weidner

Staci & Nathan

Cheri Weidner - January 26, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ *While visiting my mom at the EMVH, in 2017, my brother Rick Lynch and his wife, Connie, and I stopped to visit Aunt Margaret. Since she had the cards and the laughter we played a game of pinoche with her. It is a special memory of a very special Aunt.*

Love, Roberta

Bobbie Jo Lynch - January 25, 2021 at 09:54 PM

BA

“ *Marge will be greatly missed. She was a wonderful neighbor. Between Ray and her I never had to worry about my kids. ❤️ She was a blessing to many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*
Bart, Brandi, Dillon and Shaye Austby

Brandi Austbh - January 25, 2021 at 05:56 PM

DH

“ *Donna Hall lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ruth Novotny*



Donna Hall - January 25, 2021 at 02:00 PM

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Donna Hall - January 25, 2021 at 01:59 PM

TD

“ *Tracy Dey lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ruth Novotny*



Tracy Dey - January 22, 2021 at 03:18 PM

GL

“ Gary & Susan Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ruth Novotny



Gary & Susan Lawrence - January 22, 2021 at 10:23 AM

DZ

“ Don And Penny Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ruth Novotny



Don and Penny Zimmerman - January 22, 2021 at 08:17 AM

LI

“ Linda lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ruth Novotny



Linda - January 21, 2021 at 06:47 PM