



Marlene N. Welliever

February 28, 1936 - November 21, 2022

Marlene N. Welliever, age 86, passed away on Monday, November 21, 2022 at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux, Montana. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wibaux with Liz Franz officiating. Interment will follow in the Wibaux County Cemetery in Wibaux. Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Marlene was born on February 28, 1936, to Roy and Norma (Stockwell) Amunrud, six hours before February 29th on a leap year. All new moms had to stay in the hospital for ten days after giving birth. On the way home from Glendive to Cottonwood, they stopped at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive and Marlene was baptized. Edna Pederson, her dad's sister, was Marlene's God Mother and from then on, Marlene was a member of Trinity Lutheran in Wibaux. Marlene lived north of Wibaux on the Amunrud place, a large home which was great for their big family and their neighbors were their relatives. She went to Cottonwood Hall dances in the 1940's and 1950's. When they were done dancing, they walked across the road home.

When Marlene was a freshman, Peggy Schell told her that she was going to ask David to the Sadie Hawkins dance if she didn't. Marlene hurried and asked him, knowing he would never go with her. From then on, she was his "girl". Marlene graduated from Wibaux County High School in 1954, then went on to attend Concordia College in Moorhead, MN for two years. Marlene and David still have all the letters they wrote to each other while David was in the

Army from June 1953 to June 1957.

On June 30, 1957 David and Marlene started their married life living in a shack on Beaver Creek where they operated a dairy farm. All of their children were born in the ten years, from July 1959 to May 1969. In the 1960's their kids started school, which led to many new adventures. The 1970's were filled with kids' school activities, 4H and A LOT of milking cows. In the 1980's, the kids started getting married and the in-law's appeared. Marlene worked as a Wibaux County Extension Secretary to the County Agent and at the Pierre Wibaux Museum in the 1990's until 2002, and cow milking ceased in 1998. Marlene and David spent forty-one years milking cows, going 'Grade A' in 1964.

Marlene wishes to recognize her siblings and school friends, all of whom she dearly loved. Marlene was proud of her Norwegian Ancestry, always enjoying cooking lutefisk, lefse and Scandinavian cookies for family dinners. She never flew on an airplane, but was blessed to wake up every morning listening to God's chorus – birds, coyotes, cattle, wind, and all the other sounds of nature. Marlene lived north of Wibaux for over eighty-two years.

Marlene is preceded in death by her husband, David in 2020; her parents, Roy and Norma Amunrud; her brother, Allen Dean; her sisters-in-law, Janet Amunrud and Margaret Elko; her brothers-in-law, Gordon Lunde and Bill Elko and David's parents, Elmer "Hap" and Edith Welliever.

Marlene is survived by her children, Dean (Peggy) Welliever of Billings, MT, Dale Welliever of Wibaux, Dona (Casey) Oksa of Plentywood, MT, Darci Welliever, and Davin Welliever of Wibaux; her grandchildren, Kyle, Kevin (Abby), Tom, Kelci (Connor), Steven, Brady, Brenna and Bryce; her siblings, Ronald Amunrud, Norrine Lunde, Dan Amunrud and Luayne (Mike) Amunrud and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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

Cemetery Details

Wibaux Cemetery

Wibaux, MT 59353

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **26**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
123 E Street North
Wibaux, MT 59353

Tribute Wall

LR

“ *Marlene will be missed! Among her many gifts, she knew all things Wibaux and generously shared that info with the rest of us. Condolences to her family.*

Linda Rimel - January 01, 2023 at 12:49 PM

TJ

“ *It is my profound detriment to be so far from Wibaux and not continue to learn and follow the example of diligence, work ethic, kindness, fun-loving, and generosity of Marlene and David. I could not have asked for better neighbors and mentors growing up in the 70's and 80's near the Welliever's. Fond memories of their place will stay with me the rest of my life. With a heavy heart and forever grateful, my sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Marlene Welliever.*

Tay Johannes - December 10, 2022 at 05:48 PM



“ *Marlene N. Welliever*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM

SL

“ *Some of my fondest memories of growing up in Wibaux are the many hours spent with my dearest friend Norrine and her big sister Marlene. Marlene was always there with her beautiful smile and a loving, servant attitude. She blessed us all with her dedication to researching and sharing so much of the history of Wibaux County. To all of you who shared her life, may God grant you comfort and strength as you treasure precious memories, knowing that Marlene rests in peace in her eternal home. You are loved!*

Stella J Lootens - December 06, 2022 at 01:48 AM

AR

“ *Marlene was a real Wibaux icon. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Angie (Nix) Ross, Fargo, ND*

Angie Ross - November 27, 2022 at 01:15 PM

DJ

“ *Noreen I'm so sorry to hear about her sister. It is always so hard. I never had the chance to meet her. I have lost you somewhere and hope that we can get connected. Hold onto your special memories with her. They help us through.*



Dixie Justice - November 26, 2022 at 09:55 PM

MF

“ *Our condolences to Marlene's family. I lived just down the creek from Marlene and Dave and always enjoyed visiting them. Marlene knew all of the history of the area. She always amazed me with her incredible memory for people, places, and dates. She grew the best cucumbers and tomatoes. She enjoyed the hunters that came to their place from all over. She loved watching the deer and pheasants right outside her window. They truly don't make 'em better, she will be missed!*

Melissa Foster - November 25, 2022 at 08:34 PM

LB

“ I actually worked with Marlene in the 80's of my HS years at Wibaux's Tastee Hut! You all forgot to mention that lol. I went to school with Darci & Davin but got to know the whole family over the years. I have find memories of Marlene & her family. I had fun out at the country house. My condolences to all her kids & their spouses & grandkids & other family n friends. I'm happy her & David are reunited back together. God Bless you all! ❤️ Lisa Bailey

lisa bailey - November 25, 2022 at 07:51 PM

DO

Lisa,
Thank you for the flowers you had Shawna bring for Mom's service. I don't have your address to mail you a thank you. Thanks for the memories you shared. The Welliever Kids

Dona Oksa - December 06, 2022 at 08:39 AM

DE

“ Dale, so sorry to hear about your mother.
Remember all the good times spent with her.
Prayers to you all.



debra evans - November 24, 2022 at 11:17 PM

LC

“ To her family...Marlene was an amazing woman...great 4H leader and all around awesome lady. My thoughts are with you.

Laura Christoffersen - November 23, 2022 at 09:23 PM

DW

“ So sorry to hear this. She was an icon in Wibaux. Condolences to her entire family.

Debbie Weyer - November 23, 2022 at 07:05 PM

AC

“ Marlene and I were friends since 5th grade, such a long and laugh filled time we have shared. So sorry to lose you my friend. Sending our love to her family. Art and Peggy Choate

Art and Peggy Choate - November 23, 2022 at 06:09 PM

DN

“ My thoughts & prayers are with all of you. Marlene will be missed by everyone whose lives she touched. Her work with 4-H, her church & the museum will be remembered. So sorry for your loss.

Diane Nelson - November 23, 2022 at 04:07 PM

RD

“ My very deepest. Yo the family. She was a good friend and classmate.



Rita Van Dusen - November 23, 2022 at 07:25 AM

CH

“ Carol Hanson lit a candle in memory of Marlene Welliever



Carol Hanson - November 22, 2022 at 07:59 PM

LA

“ *Lynn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Marlene Welliever*



Lynn Anderson - November 22, 2022 at 05:29 PM

DB

“ *Dale, so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*



Dale & Alisa Boehning - November 22, 2022 at 01:01 PM

LP

“ *Lillian Patterson lit a candle in memory of Marlene Welliever*



Lillian Patterson - November 21, 2022 at 10:36 PM