



## Martha Fehr

July 26, 1915 - January 9, 2015

Martha, age 99, known as “the caramel roll lady” in Billings, Montana and “the quilting lady” in Glendive, Montana, Martha Metzger Fehr went home to be with the Lord on Friday, January 9, 2015. A Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, January 16, 2015 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Reverend Avis Anderson officiating. Interment will follow in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

The oldest of seven children, Martha was born on July 26, 1915, to German-Russian immigrants, William and Elizabeth (Miller) Metzger in Hettinger County, North Dakota. She learned the English language after she and her sister, Emma started school (she had to wait a year before starting school so Emma would be old enough to attend also).

At the age of twelve she began working for some of their neighbors - taking care of children and doing housekeeping chores. She then “advanced” to being a waitress and sales clerk before marrying Leon Fehr on December 21, 1941. Leon was in the military so there were several moves before the war ended and they settled in Hebron, North Dakota. While there, Leon began working for MDU which involved another move in 1948 – this time to Glendive, Montana.

On October 12, 1946, Margo Kay was born - which kept Martha very busy. While living in Glendive, Martha worked a variety of jobs from cleaning a motel and houses, cooking at Lincoln School, ironing for people, working at

Anderson's Department Store and The Attic, and quilting by hand, which involved finishing many quilts that people had inherited.

After Leon passed away in March of 1988, she continued to live in Glendive until some health issues forced her to move to Billings in 1994, where she could be closer to Margo and her two grandsons. Fortunately, she was able to put her new mobile home right across the street from Margo, so they could keep an eye on each other. In Billings her time was spent caring for her houseplants, making caramel rolls, visiting with acquaintances and new friends, playing board games with Margo, and getting to spend some time with her grandsons and her two great-grandchildren. Towards the end of 2009 she broke her hip and had to move into The Vista, an assisted living facility. In 2011-12 she lived with Margo and Wes for six months before going to Valley Health Care Center. There she received excellent care from the many CNAs and nurses before she went to her final home.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, Leon; sisters, Emma Voegele, Lydia Sayler and Rose Diede; brothers, Karl and Eddie Metzger, and many in-laws, nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her daughter, Margo Mader; son-in-law, Weston; grandsons, Wynn (Debbie) and Keyn (Sarah); great-grandchildren, McKenna (age 10) and Wristen (6 ½); one sister, Verna (Lester) Schatz of Glen Ullin, North Dakota; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Metzger of Bismarck, North Dakota, and many nieces and nephews.

If you choose to give a memorial in Martha's name, please send those to the First Congregational Church – UCC, 120 Power Street, Glendive, MT 59330, or to a charity of your choice.

Thank you for joining us in a celebration of Martha's life here.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 16. 2:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home  
221 North Meade Avenue  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Fehr*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *My condolences to Margo and family. She was a special lady and I am sure she will be missed.*



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“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Fehr.*



January 14, 2015 at 09:44 PM



“ *Sandi J Breckenridge lit a candle in memory of Martha Fehr*



**Sandi J Breckenridge** - January 14, 2015 at 08:34 PM

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*Pat & I send our sincere sympathy to Margo and all the families at this time of sorrow.*

*I was so lucky to share some time with Martha and to listen to her sharing stories of her younger years, going to the ice cream store and about her future husband.*

*Keeping you all in prayers.*

*Love and huggers*

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**Sandi J Breckenridge** - January 14, 2015 at 08:38 PM