



Martha Evelyn Kelly

January 15, 1932 - May 23, 2014

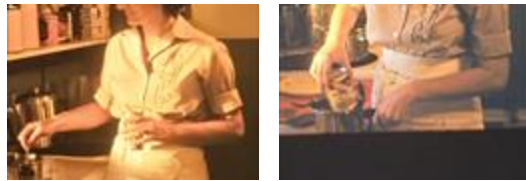
Martha Evelyn Kelly, age 82, of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Monday, May 19, 2014 at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care in Glendive after a struggle with cancer. Visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, May 23, 2014 at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Interment will be held in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Martha was born on January 15, 1932, in Malta, Montana, a daughter of Almont and Ruby Rothie. She was raised and educated in Malta graduating from Malta High School with the class of 1950. Following high school Martha attended Montana State University graduating with the class of 1954 with a teaching degree. Martha moved to Harlem, Montana, where she taught at the Harlem High School from 1954 until 1960. During her time in Harlem, Martha met the love of her life, William D. (Bill) Kelly, who was also teaching at the Harlem High School. They were united in marriage on December 23, 1964 in Glendive at Zion Lutheran Church. Martha taught in Wolf Point, Montana from 1960 until 1965 when she and Bill moved to Glendive where she continued teaching. She taught Home Economics and Physical Education until she retired from Dawson County High School in 1982. Martha was also involved in after school programs; She was the advisor for the Future Homemakers of America Club in Wolf Point. She was the first girls' Track Cross Country coach

for Dawson County High School and the Cheerleading Advisor for all the schools where she taught. Martha loved gardening, cooking, baking, and traveling; she visited Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Mexico, Ireland, Germany, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Austria, Luxemburg, Alaska, Hawaii, and all of the lower states with the exception of the Carolinas. After the death of her brother, Monte, she and Bill bought the family farm in 1976 plus some additional land in 1982. They have operated the farm since that time. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Monte Rothie. Survivors include her husband, Bill Kelly of Glendive; numerous nieces and nephews and extended family. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

RO

“ Found on old photo slides from my Grandfather's photo collection.
Malta Montana, abt mid 1950s.
Phone camera doesn't do the photo justice. She seemed like a lovely woman.
Rest in Peace Martha.



Robert - April 21 at 01:45 PM



“ *Martha Evelyn Kelly*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM

TB

“ *Coach,*
I am very sorry to hear of your wife's passing. My thoughts are with you

Tom

Tom Bjerkreim - May 30, 2014 at 12:06 PM

RH

“ *Mr. Kelly, my thoughts and prayers are with you...Ms. Kelly was one of my favorite teachers! I always looked forward to Gym class as she was such an encouraging teacher to try different things. She was the one who encouraged me to try out for volleyball and it is still my favorite sport to this day! My sincere condolences Randi Jo Haugen-Pieper*

Randi Jo Haugen-Pieper - May 28, 2014 at 04:30 PM

LG

“ *Mrs. Kelly was my teacher also and I loved her. She was a great influence on young people over the years. So sorry for your loss. Laura Grzanic*

Laura Grzanic - May 23, 2014 at 10:33 AM

BF

“ *MR Kelly Our sincere sympathy and regrets*

Brian and Ramona

B W Dibble @ familyl - May 22, 2014 at 09:29 PM

SG

“ Mr Kelly,

I am so sorry to hear of Mrs Kelly's passing. She was not only an extraordinary person, but also a great teacher. She was my sophomore PE teacher from 73-74. The summer after I finished her class was a tough one for me because my older brother Mark had been killed and I was the person in our family that had to hear the news first. That fall at the start of my junior year, one day I was in the hall going from one class to the next when Mrs Kelly came up to me and put her arm around me and told me how sorry she was to hear what I had gone through. She told me that if I ever needed to talk to come to her. I've thought about that for years and realized how very lucky I was to have her in my life, and how lucky all of her students were. I'm sure when she reached heaven God summed up her life by saying Well Done, Well Done.

Shelley Geiger - May 22, 2014 at 09:25 PM

GS

“ Bill...

Our thoughts and prayers are surely with you...Martha will be remembered as a classy lady with a ton of love in her heart...she was everybody's friend.

Our sincere condolences....

George & Suzy Samuelson

George Samuelson - May 21, 2014 at 07:35 PM