



Monica Miller

August 3, 1926 - November 20, 2022

Monica Miller, age 96 of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. Family will receive friends Friday, November 25, 2022, from 1:00-2:30 PM at the chapel of Silha Funeral Home in Glendive followed by a Graveside Funeral Service at 3:00 PM in Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Monica Julia Erhart was born August 3, 1926 in Howard Lake, Minnesota, to Martin and Bertha Erhart, the second youngest of 13 children. When Monica was 4, after her mother's death, it was decided the younger children would be sent to live with relatives in the area. Monica moved to Zumbrota, Minnesota, where she was raised by Gertrude and Tina Steege. Even at this young age, she knew her life was never going to be the same.

Monica graduated from Zumbrota High School in 1944 as the Salutatorian of her class. She moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where she attended beauty school. She had also attracted the attention of a soldier home on leave from WWII. Monica married L.W. "Larry" Silvernale on June 26, 1946. Together they moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where Larry attended Milwaukee Technical Institute and Monica gave birth to their first child, a daughter, Sheroalynn Dawn. In 1948, looking for work, the young family boarded a Northern Pacific passenger train headed for Montana.

Glendive was the first planned stop and, being out of money, they found work there. Larry at the local funeral home and Monica as a beautician at Ida Mae's

Beauty Shop. Eventually, in 1958, Monica opened her own beauty shop in her home, and gave birth to their second child, Dane. Monica served a loyal clientele until 1980 when she and Larry retired.

Monica and Larry moved to Helena, MT, where they lived on Canyon Ferry Reservoir for 10 years before returning to Glendive to be near family. They enjoyed their time on Canyon Ferry buying and fixing up a cabin at Eldorado Bar, looking for sapphires, and also, winters in Yuma, Arizona. Larry died in 1997.

Monica married Bruce Miller on May 19, 2002 in Glendive. They enjoyed 20 years together, traveling, dining, dancing, and gardening. They were always available to take care of grandkids, pets, plants, or whatever else came up. Monica was a Life Master Duplicate Bridge player and was responsible for teaching many local bridge players how to play the game.

Monica was preceded in death by all of her brothers and sisters, and her daughter Sherry in 1994.

Monica is survived by her husband Bruce, and son Dane (DeAnn), both of Glendive; four grandchildren, Adria Alumbaugh of Peabody, Massachusetts, Darcy (Paul) Maki of Duluth, Minnesota, Allison Julia Silvernale of Glendive, Dillon Silvernale of Bozeman, Montana; and two great grandchildren, Fox and Iris Maki of Duluth.

Memorials are suggested to the Dawson County Food Bank.

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

Cemetery Details

Dawson County Cemetery

Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard
Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Receive Friends

NOV **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
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Graveside Funeral Service

NOV **25**. 3:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Monica Miller*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Ken Ernhart lit a candle in memory of Monica Silvernale-Miller*



Ken Ernhart - November 25, 2022 at 07:44 PM



“ *It was a pleasure knowing this beautiful woman. Once when we were embarking on a long trip, she told Kelly, then three years old, to count 100 white horses, which kept her occupied for a good part of the trip. I am so sorry that you have lost her. She was a treasure.*

Kathy Greem - November 23, 2022 at 08:25 AM



“ *Dane and family~ I'm sorry for your loss of your loved one. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Tammy Dey - November 22, 2022 at 11:02 PM

TH

“ Tracey Hughes-Sand sent a virtual gift in memory of Monica Silvernale-Miller



Tracey Hughes-Sand - November 22, 2022 at 07:54 PM

WB

“ Dane and family, I am sorry to hear of Monica's passing. She always held a special spot in my heart. She will be missed by a lot of us. Warren and Kathy Broeder

Warren broeder - November 22, 2022 at 03:33 PM

PE

“ Dane and family, I was sorry to hear of your mothers passing, she was a beautiful lady.

Pat Eiker - November 22, 2022 at 12:15 PM

MK

“ Monica was a lovely lady and I feel privileged to have known her.

Myrna Kintz - November 22, 2022 at 10:31 AM

MK

“ Myrna Kintz lit a candle in memory of Monica Silvernale-Miller



Myrna Kintz - November 22, 2022 at 10:29 AM

BT

“ *Dane and Family I'm so Sorry for your loss! Your matter how old we are it's still to lose our parents! Cherish your Memories*
Becky(Chouinard) Tipton

Becky Tipton - November 22, 2022 at 12:08 AM

KH

“ *Dear Dane and Family,*
I am so sorry to hear about Aunt Monica's passing. She was such a beautiful woman and I know my mom (Philinda) and Grandma Amber, always spoke very highly of both of your parents. I have very fond memories of our trips to Montana! The last time we were in Montana for a wedding and we stopped by your mom's house! It just happened to be her birthday and she was so gracious and welcomed us in for a short visit and a chance to get out of the car to stretch our legs (12 hours from Minnesota!) . She took my boys outside to look for special rocks for them to take back to Minnesota with us. What a lovely lady who is now back with your dad and the rest of the family. Take care everyone! We wish we could be there -
Love and hugs to all of you -
Kris and Family

Kris Harstad - November 21, 2022 at 08:07 PM

PP

Dane and family, Your dear mom and grandma Monica, such a beautiful and special woman. Our Mom loved playing bridge with her and how about all those great evenings of dancing and friendship they had at the Elks! A life well lived ❤️

Penny Price - November 22, 2022 at 02:08 PM

DZ

“ *Dane and family, we offer our sincere condolences. Losing a parent is so difficult. We are thankful you had her with you that long. Here we were just talking of your dad's passing. Hugs to you all.*

Don and Penny Zimmerman - November 21, 2022 at 06:48 PM