



Patricia "Pat" Mahlstedt

September 21, 1931 - July 30, 2015

Patricia "Pat" Mahlstedt, age 83, of Circle, Montana, passed away on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux, Montana. Visitation will be held from 2:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Funeral Service will be held at 2:30 P.M. on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at the First Lutheran Church in Circle, Montana with Pastor Wade Brinkopf officiating. Interment will be held in the Riverview Cemetery in Circle. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Patty was born on September 21, 1931, to George L. and Hannah (Dragseth) Mahlstedt in a private home near the south underpass in Glendive. She was brought home in a Model A Ford Car to the family ranch eighteen miles northwest of Lindsay, Montana. Patty's education began at home under the tutelage of her mother for first and second grades; she then attended Corral Creek School. She rode horseback one and a half miles to school on a strawberry roan named Prince, from third through eighth grade. After graduating from Circle High School in 1949, Patty attended Northern Montana College at Havre, Montana and completed the two year program for an elementary teaching certificate. Her teaching career included Savage, Montana for two years as a first and second grade teacher, Terry, Montana for two years teaching second grade, and Sidney, Montana for four years teaching second grade. During the summers of 1956 through 1959, Patty attended the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado earning her

B.A. degree in Elementary Education. Patty was the junior high math teacher for twenty-three years at Washington School in Glendive. As a teacher she enjoyed bowling and later was a member of the Friendship Homemakers Club. Patty was always supportive of her nieces and grandnieces and nephews in their many activities.

Patty was baptized and confirmed in First Lutheran Church in Circle and attended Lutheran churches wherever she taught. Patty enjoyed people and travel. In 1961, she took a nine-week tour of England, western Europe and the Scandinavian countries. In 1982, following her retirement from 31 years of teaching, Patty returned to the family ranch where she lovingly cared for her mother in her final years and helped on the ranch. The ranch was always her base and she spent most summers and many weekends helping there. She operated farm equipment from her teens into her seventies and later kept a close watch on what was being done around the place. She resided on the ranch until her final two weeks which were spent in the Wibaux County Nursing Home.

Patty was preceded in death by her 4 1/2 year old brother "Little Johnny" in 1939 and her parents.

She is survived by her brother, George A. and Jeanie Mahlstedt of Circle; her two nieces whom she loved like daughters, Tana and Ross Canen of Glendive and Trista and Chad Armstrong of Cardwell, Montana; and six grand nieces and nephews Tienna, Alexis, & Corinne Canen and Kyra, Klancy, and Kaden Armstrong.

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

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

Circle, MT 59215

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **19**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
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Service

AUG **20**. 2:30 PM (MT)

First Lutheran Church
1200 Avenue C
Circle, MT 59215

Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia "Pat" Mahlstedt*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *I remember Miss Mahlstedt very well as my 7th grade math and home room teacher. That was back in the good old days when school teachers could demand proper behavior from their students! You either behaved in her class or suffered the consequences! She was a farm girl and plenty strong and some of the boys had to try her patience. But the consequences were swift and strong and left some pretty big boys with tears in their eyes from a single swat on the butt from Miss Mahlstedt's right hand. Yup, that straightened out their behavior problems in a big hurry. I loved math and she was an excellent teacher, one of my favorites in Washington Jr. High.
Marvin Gaub, Mandan ND*

Marvin Gaub - August 28, 2015 at 11:32 AM



“ *I was "Miss Mahlstedt's" student in 7th grade in 1967-68. I originally was part of the 7-6 group but they changed me to the 7-5 group because the scheduling of rooms was easier on me. Trouble is, nobody thought to tell me what the class schedule was. At the end of her math class, I didn't know where the next class was and she walked me to it following another student, "Hey, you. You. Hey you. Pardon me." but the student didn't hear her in the confusion and noise of class change. Finally she said to me. "Follow her." OK thank you. She was a genuinely caring person and I'm very sorry for your loss. Eliese Hrubes*

Eliese hrubes - August 15, 2015 at 10:09 PM

JM

Thank you for sharing!

Jeanie Mahlstedt - August 24, 2015 at 06:28 PM

AN

“ *Ann lit a candle in memory of Patricia "Pat" Mahlstedt*



ann - August 05, 2015 at 03:54 PM

LS

“ *We are sorry to hear of Pat's passing. I, Kay, worked with Pat at Washington Middle School until her retirement. Our thoughts and prayers with her family.*
Leon and Kay Sevier

Leon and Kay Sevier - August 04, 2015 at 12:27 PM



“ *Tana Madill lit a candle in memory of Patricia "Pat" Mahlstedt*



Tana Madill - August 03, 2015 at 07:44 PM

MM

“ *Marsha Wenz Mickelson sent a virtual gift in memory of Patricia "Pat" Mahlstedt*



Marsha Wenz Mickelson - August 03, 2015 at 10:03 AM

VT

“ *Vicki (Turner) Turtle lit a candle in memory of Patricia "Pat" Mahlstedt*



Vicki (Turner) Turtle - August 03, 2015 at 09:36 AM

LT

“ *Linda Latka Teets lit a candle in memory of Patricia "Pat" Mahlstedt*



Linda Latka Teets - August 03, 2015 at 07:12 AM

NS

“ *Norma Shearwr lit a candle in memory of Patricia "Pat" Mahlstedt*



norma shearwr - August 02, 2015 at 09:33 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Pat's passing. She was my 7th grade math teacher.

Sherry Corneliusen - August 01, 2015 at 09:44 PM

DB

“ Dennis Cindi Byron lit a candle in memory of Patricia "Pat" Mahlstedt



Dennis Cindi Byron - August 01, 2015 at 09:09 PM

DS

“ Donna Latka Stanfill lit a candle in memory of Patricia "Pat" Mahlstedt



Donna Latka Stanfill - August 01, 2015 at 01:20 PM

MO

“ Marlo Olson lit a candle in memory of Patricia "Pat" Mahlstedt



Marlo Olson - July 31, 2015 at 10:23 PM

DC

“ *Diane Kolstad Crockett lit a candle in memory of Patricia "Pat" Mahlstedt*



Diane Kolstad Crockett - July 31, 2015 at 03:25 PM