



Pearl Irene Olstad

July 17, 1915 - May 31, 2016

Pearl Irene Olstad, age 100, of Wibaux, Montana, formerly of Sentinel Butte, North Dakota, passed away on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux. Visitation will be held 3:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 5, 2016 at the Silha Funeral Home in Beach, North Dakota. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, June 6, 2016 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Sentinel Butte with Reverend Dana Holter officiating. Interment will follow services at the Sentinel Butte Cemetery in Sentinel Butte. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Pearl was born on July 17, 1915 to Loyd and Lena (Wise) Yates on her Aunt Mary (Wise) Campbell's Homestead at Camel Hump, North Dakota. She received her early education at the Stoddard School, south of Sentinel Butte. Pearl graduated with the class of 1934 from Sentinel Butte High School. After graduation, Pearl met Harmon Olstad and they were united in marriage on October 31, 1936 in Wibaux, Montana. They moved to the family ranch south of Sentinel Butte and resided there until Harmon's passing in 1989. Pearl then moved into Beach and resided there until moving to the Wibaux County Nursing Home. Pearl and Harmon were happily married for fifty three years.

Pearl was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and Ladies Aid of Sentinel Butte, Eastern Star and Sentinel Butte Area Homemakers Club. Pearl enjoyed square dancing, quilting, painting and was an avid reader. Pearl enjoyed

baking for family friends and grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by her family.

Pearl was preceded in death by her parents, Loyd and Lena; her husband, Harmon; one son, Donald Olstad and one grandson.

Pearl is survived by her daughters, Phyllis Jessen of Beach and Marion Kerr of Ekalaka, Montana; her sons, Howard (Bobby) Olstad of Sentinel Butte and Layton E. (Linda) Olstad of Sentinel Butte; eleven grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

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

Cemetery Details

Sentinel Butte Cemetery

Sentinel Butte, ND 58654

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Beach, North Dakota
125 4th Avenue Southwest
P.O. Box 488
Beach, ND 58621
(701) 872-3232
silha@midstate.net

Visitation

JUN 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

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Service

JUN 6. 2:00 PM (MT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Sentinel Butte, ND

Tribute Wall



“ *Pearl Irene Olstad*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



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“ *Sad to hear about Pearl. She was a very neat lady and will b missed.*

Bryon Knutson - June 04, 2016 at 10:00 AM

DM

“ I remember Mrs. Irene making caramel rolls with my Grandmother Cora Brown many times. She was always there at the Lutheran church for every dinner too. She will be greatly missed. My prayers are with all the family. Debby Brown) Martin.

Debby (Brown) Martin - June 01, 2016 at 11:05 PM

MK

“ I am remembering the generous hospitality at our home on the Olstad ranch southwest of Sentinel Butte this morning. The coffee pot was always on. My Dad made certain of that. If you could stay for a meal it would probably be one of my Mom's delicious beef roasts roasted to perfection in the old heavy aluminum roaster with the most delicious gravy to cover your on your potatoes. It was the best. Coleslaw was usually the salad of choice as we could keep cabbage for weeks and we didn't get to the grocery store a lot. There was always a dessert. That was very important part of the meal to my Mom. Not fancy but always delicious. I loved to listen to the conversations of the adults until they sent me to bed. I learned a lot that way. Usually sometime around midnight I would hear voices from outside my bedroom window as Mom and and Dad walked their guests to the car. Sometimes those conversations would last for quite a long time. If the weather took a change for the worse there was no leaving Olstads' that night. I remember getting up in the morning and finding guests sleeping on the couch. For a period of time my parents were into square dancing and one hot night in July it was to hot to dance in the living room so they opened the window so they could here the calls coming from the old phonograph on a 78 RPM record and took the party outside. The next morning there were bare spots where each couple stood and a circle worn into the sod where the promenades took place. It made me think of our Fox and geese game in the winter time. Those of you who remember playing outside in the winter will relate to this. So many good Memories of my childhood and my parents. Until we meet again may you rest in peace Mom and Dad,, Don and the Grandparents.

Marion Olstad Kerr - June 01, 2016 at 12:35 PM

LC

“ Always enjoyed visiting with your mother, Pearl, and listening to her stories of ranching south of Sentinel Butte. My brother and I admired her knowledge and intelligence and her love of learning. She will be missed as one of the true, original ranchers of western North Dakota.

Lynn Carlson - June 01, 2016 at 11:51 AM



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Daniel O'Hara - June 01, 2016 at 07:19 AM

CZ

“ My deepest sympathies to you all. My Mom (Gayle Harpster) loved Pearl and would often tell me of their afternoon visits or trips to the Dairy Queen. I can picture their visits starting up again in heaven. God Bless.

Christy Zimmerman - June 01, 2016 at 07:03 AM



“ I enjoyed getting better acquainted with Pearl starting in 1999, when I visited her while passing through Beach, ND.

She was my mother's (Leona Schumacher Harn) favorite 1st cousin. Pearl was entertaining, hospitable and very knowledgeable about early family events in Golden Valley County. She helped me identify folks in many of those early family pictures that my mother had. She often shared vivid memories of the people & events in those photos. Many of those photos, including some of her, can be found at <http://gerhardandhisclan2.blogspot.com>. I called her on the phone several times over the last 10 years, including my last call to her a few months ago. She told me once, perhaps ten years ago, that she was amazed at how long she had lived.

She will be missed and may she be welcomed with joy into heaven. Pearl often honored the memory of her parents, 'Lena and Lloyd Yates, proving to me God's promise in Ephesians 6:2-3, "'Honor your father and mother', which is the first commandment with a promise: 'that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.'"

Daniel O'Hara (son of Leona Schumacher Harn).

Daniel O'Hara - May 31, 2016 at 07:04 PM