



Rina Casey

March 16, 1927 - June 12, 2017

Elda “Rina” Casey, 90, of Glendive, Montana, passed away Monday, June 12, 2017 in Glendive. Per Rina's wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, June 16, 2017 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Reverend Avis Anderson officiating. Silha Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Rina was born March 16, 1927 in Monfalcone, Italy, a small village near Trieste to Giuseppe and Pasqua Visintin. She was the second of three children. Her older sister Carmella and younger brother Carlo preceded her in death.

After World War II, during the American occupation of Italy, she met and fell in love with an American soldier, James “Jack” Lloyd Casey. They were married in Italy. After the War, she came to America on a troop ship of soldiers and war brides.

For years they lived in several locations throughout the country from Tennessee to Chicago, Spokane and several towns in Montana. After they were divorced in 1959, Rina settled in Glendive with their three young children. Many will remember her from the twenty-five years she worked at the Jordan Hotel in the coffee shop and the Blue Room.

Rina was always informed about politics. Her strong desire to be able to cast a vote inspired her to complete the naturalization process. In 1980, with her children and grandchildren at her side, she took her oath of citizenship.

Rina loved crafting and gardening, but more than anything, she loved her

family. She was a devoted mother not only to her children and grandchildren, but also to their friends. She loved to cook and in true Italian tradition, everyone was welcome at her table.

Rina always had a large circle of friends and will be remembered for her infectious laughter, playful teasing, and true love of life.

She is survived by her daughter Julie and her husband John Gormont of Glendive; her daughter Dixie and her husband Larry Hart of Livingston, Montana; and her son John Casey and his wife Kimm of Veneta, Oregon; her grandson Joshua Casey and his wife Maria, and their children, Mariah, Isaiah, Isaac, Patrick and Maria of Jamestown, North Dakota; and her grandson Jason Hurning and his children Devon and Tyler of Livingston.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that you cook a big meal, surround yourself with family and friends, and raise a glass in her memory.

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 16. 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rina Casey*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Hello Dixie and John, I just wanted you to know that my memories of your mom are just like this wonderful photo of her! She was so nice, funny, seemed to have a real sense of joy - this photo brings it back to me!*

Hope all is well with you both! All my best, Ten Toppins

Tenley Toppins - July 20, 2017 at 04:11 PM



“ *I offer my sincere and heartfelt condolences to you all on the passing of your mother. I respected and admired her during the short time I knew her. She always greeted me with a warm and welcoming smile; I never felt uncomfortable in her presence or in her home.*

R. Klein

Robert (Bob) Klein - July 05, 2017 at 11:59 PM



“ *This was a woman with a tremendous amount of fortitude! She walked many miles during her working years at the Jordan to support her family. I would see her walking in all kinds of weather, whenever you met her she would greet you with a beautiful smile. I was always welcome in her home and I always welcomed her kindness. We all were blessed to have known you. Rina, may you rest in peace. JDT*

Jacki Thiem - June 19, 2017 at 06:32 PM

PR

“ Patti Robison purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rina Casey.



Patti Robison - June 15, 2017 at 11:22 PM

PR

“ I want the family of Rina Casey to know how special a friend she was. I have precious memories with Rina as she worked at my Care Center for several years. My children and residents got to enjoy her Authentic Italian cooking and her infectious laugh. She always had my back on my bad days and will never be forgotten! To this day I use her spaghetti recipe for my family and they call it Rina's spaghetti. Know she was loved.



Patti Robison - June 15, 2017 at 10:15 PM

JG

“ To Rina's family; I had the pleasure of knowing Rina while we lived in Glendive. We were faithful about going to ceramics twice a week. She was such a wonderful caring person, and yes a wonderful cook. When we had a potluck we always talked her into the main course. I will make one of her many recipes for dinner and toast a dear friend. Remember she loved you all, she was proud of you.



Julie Goodnature

Julie Goodnature - June 15, 2017 at 02:14 PM

Peter
Schultz

“ Peter Schultz purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rina Casey.



Peter Schultz - June 15, 2017 at 11:18 AM

Peter
Schultz

“ G'ma Rina we'll always have a sweet spot in my memory. When I was 11, I became friends with her grandson, Jason, and along with another Jason in the neighborhood, we became "The Terrible Trio". I spent many nights and days hanging around the Casey household with Dixie and Larry and all the dogs. I was always welcome there and it is so true about the cooking and the big family dinners. She and her whole family were very loving and patient with us. I am so happy for that time in my life. God bless you, Rina Casey. Thank you for all you've done.

Peter Schultz
Bozeman, MT

Peter Schultz - June 15, 2017 at 10:03 AM

DS

“ Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Rina Casey



Denise Stoddart - June 14, 2017 at 09:52 PM

LD

“ *Linda Deines lit a candle in memory of Rina Casey*



linda deines - June 14, 2017 at 06:38 PM

CD

“ *What a precious picture of your sweet mom. So glad I got to know this interesting and gentle woman. Long live her memory.*

Carole J. Diede - June 14, 2017 at 03:58 PM

LY

“ *Truly sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with Rina at the Jordan Coffee shop when I was in high school. She was so fun and delightful to be around!* - Lisa (Silbernagel) Yakel

Lisa Yakel - June 14, 2017 at 12:59 PM

NL

“ *Many many wonderful memories of this dear sweet woman. I loved her the first time I met her, in 1961, and continued throughout the years. She was a great friend of my mother, and Julie and I were and remain great friends. Julie, Dixie, and Johnny; you had such a wonderful mom. I am blessed to have known her.*

nancy lochman - June 14, 2017 at 12:05 PM

NL

Nancy Harris Lochman

nancy lochman - June 14, 2017 at 08:44 PM

MK

“ I am so sorry for your families loss. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Melissa Powell Kwasney - June 14, 2017 at 11:33 AM

DO

“ Deb And Pete V Ogel sent a virtual gift in memory of Rina Casey



Deb and Pete V ogel - June 14, 2017 at 12:09 AM

DV

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Rina was so kind and loved her family so much. Rest in Peace sweet Rina.

Deb and Pete Vogel - June 14, 2017 at 12:16 AM

RA

“ Starting when I was a youngster of 9 or 10 Rina was like a second Mom. John and I were almost inseparable at that age. Where you would find one of us, the other was not far behind. Rina was the sweetest lady with a voice and accent that made me swoon. I will think of her often and remember her always. Love you, and Rest in Peace Sweet Lady... Rolly

Rolly Barb Anvik - June 13, 2017 at 09:06 PM

BT

“ John and Julie, What a special lady! I'm sorry for your loss! I have a lot of Fond memories of Rina as alot neighbor of my parents her Beautiful yard. Cherish your Memories and hold them close.
RIP Rina
Becky (Chouinard) Tipton

Becky Tipton - June 13, 2017 at 08:53 PM

DS

“ Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Rina Casey



Denise Stoddart - June 13, 2017 at 08:34 PM

AJ

“ Andy And Jenny sent a virtual gift in memory of Rina Casey



Andy and Jenny - June 13, 2017 at 06:26 PM