



Sharon Skillestad

December 24, 1937 - April 10, 2008

Sharon Skillestad, age 70, our loving mother, grandmother, sister and sister-in-law was lifted up to the Lord on Friday, April 4, 2008 at the Valley Health Care Center in Billings of complications due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and emphysema. A Vigil and Rosary will be held at 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 9, 2008 in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive, Montana with Deacon William Medved officiating. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 10, 2008 in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Glendive with Fr. Joseph Ponessa Officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery of Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with the arrangements. Sharon was born in Vermillion, South Dakota on December 24, 1937 the daughter of Thomas D. and Vivian O. (Chamberlain) Crane. After living in South Dakota as well as Minnesota, the family settled in Glendive in December of 1949. Sharon attended school in Glendive and graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1955. Sharon moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota to work for Prudential and later found herself back in Glendive. She married the love of her life, Kenneth Skillestad on December 27, 1957 in Glendive. Sharon and Kenneth lived in Terry, Montana from 1962 to 1967. During her time there she raised her daughter Sheila and worked part time for Montana Dakota Utilities. They later moved to Glendive where she began working full time for MDU. In September 1970, her second daughter Tracy was born. Sharon worked in the Glendive MDU office for over 22 years.

Following the death of her husband in December of 1984, she transferred with the company to Billings in October of 1985. She retired from MDU with over 33 years of service in December 1994. Sharon was diagnosed with COPD in February 2002. She was very self conscious of the oxygen she needed to assist her with breathing. It was a struggle, but with support from family and friends, she dealt with it as any strong woman would do. Sharon was very regimented with her twice weekly appointments attending pulmonary rehab as well as her daily workouts on her stationary bike and treadmill at home. She missed only on those days that the roads were snowy or if she was in the hospital. Sharon was valiant to the very end. Her strength and courage will never be forgotten. Sharon was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her two daughters; Sheila Partyka and her husband Brad of Billings and Tracy Schroeder and her husband Brian of Bozeman, Montana; three grandchildren, Ms. Michelle Grow of Palm Springs, California, Bjorn Schroeder and Leif Schroeder, both of Bozeman; two brothers, Thomas Crane and his wife Marion of Glendive and Robert Crane of Missoula, Montana; three sisters, Sandra Pawlowski and her husband Delbert of Circle, Montana, Diane Olson and her husband Darrell of Oro Valley, Arizona, and Jeannie Brooks and her husband Ron of Valier, Montana and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and the entire Skillestad family. "Rest peacefully Mom. You're finally with Dad. We all love you and will miss you deeply."

Tribute Wall



“ *Sharon Skillestad*

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