



## Sheila A. Rieman

May 14, 1958 - November 23, 2011

Sheila Ann Rieman, age 53, of Sentinel Butte, North Dakota, died on Thursday, November 17, 2011 near Billings, Montana. Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at the Sentinel Butte Community Hall in Sentinel Butte, North Dakota. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements. Sheila Ann Rieman, age 53, of Sentinel Butte, North Dakota, died on Thursday, November 17, 2011 near Billings, Montana. Sheila Ann Rieman was born May 14, 1958 in Winona, Minnesota, a daughter of Melvin and Elaine (Armitage) Rieman. At an early age, she demonstrated an artistic talent that would take her far in her chosen career. Sheila attended Barnes High School at Rogers, North Dakota and North Dakota State University in Fargo with a major in art. After her father's death in 1979, she left school to pursue her art career. Also in 1979, she met her lifemate, Pete Novotny, with whom she spent the next 32 years. Her chosen medium was pastel, but she worked equally well in acrylics and oils, pen and ink, and she also sculpted. Many of her works are in private ownership and galleries around the United States. Sheila won several prestigious awards including the Tuffy Berg Award at the CM Russell Art Show. She belonged to the Women Artists of America Society and was a Signature Member of the Pastel Society of America, both elite organizations. She traveled extensively to put her works in galleries, Sheila taught workshops to other artists to help them gain a better understanding of art in their medium. She also taught workshops for Disney Imageering in California

and Cascade, Montana. Sheila's dream was to design her own studio and home. She completed her studio in rural Sentinel Butte a few years ago, realizing that dream. Sheila spent hours on landscaping and watching the native wild life from her huge picture windows as she painted. She and her partner, Pete, spent many hours riding in the badlands of Medora, one of her passions. Sheila could be found at her studio in the company of her dogs, Molly and then Xena. She also had a cat at home, Stubbs. All three pets meant a lot to her and she was very sad when they crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Sheila loved to help others – whether it was donating art for auctions for worthy causes or painting houses or dog sitting. She had an enormous heart and a zest for life that was contagious. Sheila was preceded in death by her father, Melvin Rieman. She is survived by her partner, Peter Novotny (Sentinel Butte, ND), her mother, Elaine Traweek (Gore, OK), her brother, Brian Rieman (Tulsa, OK), her sister, Shannon Rieman (Fargo, ND) and by numerous friends and relatives. She will be greatly missed. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ I was thrilled when Sheila moved next door to us in ND. I think I was about 11 years old. My brother, Roger, was friends with her brother, Brian. Although I lost touch with Sheila, I managed to reconnect with her in 2011. It was the exact same Sheila. She even looked the same. I was so sorry when I heard she died. What a loss. Sherri Lee McQuaide

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**Sherri Lee McQuaide** - February 24, 2024 at 10:38 PM



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