



Shirley Ann Nichols

June 2, 1955 - August 13, 2020

Shirley Ann Nichols, 65, of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Thursday, August 13, 2020 in Glendive. Visitation will be held 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M until 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Vigil Services will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Francis Schreiber officiating. Rite of Committal will be held in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Shirley was born on June 2, 1955 in Wolf Point, Montana to Eugene and Mary (Eide) Matejovsky. She graduated from Sidney High School in 1973 in Sidney, Montana. Shirley married Jerry Brown in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho in 1973. To this union two children were born, Jennifer and Ryan. Later in the 1990s she met the love of her life and soul mate, Keith Nichols. In 2003, Keith and Shirley purchased their castle and through the years they made it Shirley's dream home one room at a time. After being in a relationship for several years as a common law married couple, they officially married on January 2, 2015 in Glendive.

Shirley was a busy woman who loved being in her garden, with her flowers, and canning. She especially loved her children, grandchildren, and her pets (especially her dog Sophie). Shirley enjoyed socializing with people. She said

nothing negative about people. She was outgoing and always the life of the party. If there was a need she was always willing to help in any way she could. Her siblings say she was a great big sister. When she had a rock in her hand, she was to be feared because she was deadly accurate. Shirley loved nature, life, and wasn't afraid to live. She was a stage 4 breast cancer survivor in 2008 and has lived cancer free since. She was a big participant in the fundraisers for cancer.

Shirley is survived by her husband Keith Nichols of Glendive; daughter Jennifer (Shandon) Scheetz of Glendive; son Ryan (Jessica) Brown of Sidney; mother, Mary Giles of Glendive; brothers Gene (Mara Lee) Matejovsky of Tucson, Arizona, Rob Purvis (Danel) of Miles City, David Purvis of Miles City, and Tom Purvis of Glendive; sister Debbie Murray of Miles City; and five grandchildren.

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

Cemetery Details

Dawson County Cemetery

Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard
Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Visitation

AUG 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

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Vigil Service

AUG 19. 7:00 PM (MT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 20. 10:00 AM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
316 West Benham Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Ann Nichols*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Billie Jo Burns McGinnis lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Nichols*



Billie Jo Burns McGinnis - August 23, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ *Carol Wolff lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Nichols*



Carol Wolff - August 19, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to Shirley Ann's family. What a bright light she was! My connection with her was through my daughter who worked with Shirley Ann but I never, ever saw her without a smile on her face and she always had a kind word to say. She certainly loved life and brightened the days of those around her. Hold your wonderful memories close and know she is always near in your heart. God Bless.*

Rita Hanley - August 19, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Nichols.*



August 18, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ *Tracey Hughes lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Nichols*



Tracey Hughes - August 18, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ *68 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Silha Funeral Home - August 18, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ *Heather Frank lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Nichols*



Heather Frank - August 18, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ *Teresa Hathaway lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Nichols*



Teresa Hathaway - August 17, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Nichols.*



August 17, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ *Mari And Doug Brant lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Nichols*



Mari and Doug Brant - August 17, 2020 at 03:13 PM

CD

“ *Carole Diede lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Nichols*



Carole Diede - August 17, 2020 at 11:56 AM

GM

“ *Mother Teresa once said, "You only live once. But if you do it right, once is enough." Shirley Ann your death has left a heartache that no one can heal, however your love, your smile, your humor and so much more have left memories that no one can steal.*

How cool is it that the same God that created the oceans, the mountains and the galaxies looked at you and decided Heaven needed ONE of you too.

We love you sister, Gene, Mara Lee and Family

Gene & Mara Lee Matejovsky - August 17, 2020 at 10:32 AM

KN

“ *Keith and family: So very sorry to read of Shirley's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. May you find comfort in the words of our Lord. Jack & Kathy Nicholson*

Kathy Nicholson - August 17, 2020 at 10:15 AM

LS

“ *LaNette Simonton lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Nichols*



LaNette Simonton - August 17, 2020 at 10:01 AM

DS

“ *Dick Sadorf lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Nichols*



Dick Sadorf - August 17, 2020 at 02:02 AM

SB

“ *Prayers and thoughts to family of Shirley Ann. She will truly be missed.*



Sharon Bain - August 16, 2020 at 10:05 PM

EL

“ *Shirley Ann will be remembered as a delightful lady. She brought fun and joy to so many. My deepest Sympathy and Prayers are with family, friends and co-workers. She will be greatly missed. Peaceful Rest, Shirley Ann*



Eula Langton - August 16, 2020 at 11:24 AM

DB

“ *The heavens are smiling, giggling, and enjoying their new angel. Shirley could brighten the gloomiest of days. Keith, we are so sorry for your loss. Hold on to those memories. She definitely was a precious gem. The heavens are beaming with her presence. May God wrap his arms around you and help you through the days ahead.*

Dennis and Cindi Byron - August 16, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Nichols.*



August 16, 2020 at 06:50 AM

BT

“ *Shirley Family... I have so many memories of SHIRLEY, she was always the life of a party, Cherish All Your Memories and Hold them Close they will help get you through the Difficult days ahead!
RIP SHIRLEY Ann
Becky (Chouinard) Tipton*

Becky Tipton - August 15, 2020 at 11:50 PM

CH

“ Mike and I have always loved Shirley Ann. Her life was far from naive and we knew she appreciated earned respect and shared it in return. Her humor was hilarious. We'll never forget some of the lighter moments we shared many years ago. What we didnt expect was the depth of her compassion. She was truely blessed in how she cared for people at GMC. Im almost envious for the great team that got to work with her. Our sincere condolences to Keith, the rest of her family and the Nichols'. If heaven has a mood, it just got a little lighter and brighter.

Connie and Mike Hilger - August 15, 2020 at 08:34 PM

JG

“ So sorry for your loss prayers to you Keith and family



Jenna Goben - August 15, 2020 at 06:05 PM

BA

“ Keith, Jennifer and family, Shirley wilk be missed. Her smile and laugh could sure brighten a room. She was an amazing friend to Jan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Bart and Brandi Austby - August 15, 2020 at 05:00 PM

TD

“ Family of Shirley~ I'm so sorry for your loss of Shirley. She always had a smile on her face and fun to visit with. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. RIP Shirley!



Tammy Dey - August 15, 2020 at 04:41 PM

SJ

“ Sandy S Johnson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley Ann Nichols.



Sandy S Johnson - August 15, 2020 at 03:42 PM

MA

“ MarieBarthel lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Nichols



MarieBarthel - August 15, 2020 at 03:06 PM

BO

This is to sad 😭 going to miss all of our talks , laughs n tears , she was special 💕💕

Bonnie - August 16, 2020 at 12:21 PM