



Susie Mae Sovereign

May 1, 1929 - January 17, 2022

Susie Mae Brown (Avens) Sovereign, age 92 of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Monday, January 17, 2022, at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. She is now singing with the angels and playing beautiful country music. A Graveside service will be held on Monday, January 24, 2022, at 2:00 pm in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery with Celebrant Heidi Carney officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Susie was born on May 1, 1929, to Charles B. Brown and Anna Maude (Holland) in Isle of Wight, Virginia. She grew up on a share croppers peanut and cotton farm along with four sisters and five brothers. Susie attended Isle of Wight High School until December of 1946 when she met and married Harold W. Avens in January of 1947. In April, they moved to Pleasant Lake, North Dakota, to help on the family farm. A couple years later, they moved to Billings, Montana, when Harold was transferred to Glendive, working for Houch Transport. Her first job was in 1953 for Albright Café followed by Derrick Café, N.P. Beanery Bairs, and GMC Cafeteria, either waiting tables or cooking.

Susie met and married Robert Sovereign in a ceremony held at the Glendive Extended Care Nursing Home in 1980 with residents as witnesses. They moved to Sidney where she worked at Richland Homes until moving to Anaconda to take care of Bob's parents. With their passing, they moved back to Glendive.

Susie's first love was caring for her five children, and country music that

began with the Grand Ole Opry on the radio and church choir. She was a collector of country/western music – records, CD's, and cassettes. She also collected teapots, and crocheted dresses for bed dolls to give away to the grandkids. Susie loved to cook and bake for her family. She volunteered at the Hospital Auxiliary's Kitchen Band, made popcorn at Extended Care, and worked for 17 years at the "Attic."

She is preceded in death by her parents; sisters Ruth Whitman, Dorothy Brown, Mildred Freeman, and Irene Barnes/Elliot; brothers Frank Brown, Charles Brown, George Brown, Clarence Brown, and William Brown; husband of 17 years Robert Sovereign (1998).

She is survived by two daughters, Sharon (Les) Avens/Widman of Glendive, MT, and Mardella (Roy) Kelm of Magazine, AR; three sons, Richard Avens of Vancouver, WA, Harold Avens Jr., and Jeffrey Avens both of Glendive; grandchildren Jeremy (Nancy) Avens of Lodi, CA, Corey Avens of Glendive, Jennifer (Sean) Avens of Vancouver, Charles (Misty) Kelm of Gentry, AR, and Zachary Kelm of Magazine; great-grandchildren Brittany Brown, Christopher Dallas, Nicholas Dallas, twins William and Brooklynn Kelm, Cooper Kelm, Amberlyn and Raiden Kelm; one step great-granddaughter Chasity (Brendin) Palacios; one great-great grandson Jackson Dallas; sister-in-laws Gwen (George) Brown of Partsmouth, VA, and Luella (Edward) Avens.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at www.silhafuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 24. 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Susie Mae Sovereign*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Rita Van Dusen lit a candle in memory of Susie Mae Sovereign*



Rita Van Dusen - January 24, 2022 at 04:23 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Birthday Visit*



Jeremy Avens - January 18, 2022 at 08:34 PM