



Thelma Schwartz

February 15, 1927 - April 28, 2015

Thelma Schwartz, age 88, On the 28th day of April as dusk settled and her children held her in their arms, Thelma Schwartz, age 88, gently took her Savior's hand and Heaven bound, departing Eastern Montana Veteran's Home in Glendive, Montana. Visitation will be held at 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Friday, May 1, 2015 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Family and Friends Service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, May 1, 2015 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Bethlehem Mennonite Church in Bloomfield, Montana with Pastor Darrell Nefzger officiating. Interment will be held in the Bethlehem Mennonite Cemetery in Bloomfield. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Thelma was born to Carl and Thea (Liudahl) Polson, February 15, 1927 at her family home in Lambert. Four grown half-brothers shared in the joy of her birth. She attended Lambert Elementary schools and later graduated with the class of 1944 from Lambert High School. Thelma attended Billings Normal School and began her teaching career at Union School. Because of her tender age of 17, her mother joined her for this adventure to keep the home fires burning. After attending summer school she began teaching in Lambert, "this time there was a neat teacher across the hall". He was from Bloomfield and had returned from serving in the Army that year. They were married the summer of July 2, 1947 and moved to the Schwartz family farm. She and

Melvin were blessed with three children. They later moved to Richey, where they spent their lives. Melvin taught and Thelma nurtured her children, later working as a grocery clerk and Avon representative. She enjoyed her years volunteering for the American Cancer Society.

Thelma loved the Lord and desired to follow Him as was evidenced in the way she lived her life. Many times, she declared how thankful she was for growing up in a Christian home and how her parents encouraged her through family worship. At the age of 14 she was confirmed and publicly declared Jesus as her Savior. She continued her walk of faith at Bethlehem Mennonite Church, where she sang in the choir and taught several Sunday school classes. Their pastors over the years encouraged her as she grew in grace. One of her outreach opportunities was serving the community as she maintained the Christian book rack in the local hardware store. She delighted in attending Christian Women's Club, meeting regularly with her Bible study "sisters". She was a devoted wife to Melvin and the sweetest and caring mother to Jim, Janet, and Nadine. Thelma saw life's interruptions as an opportunity to interact and bless others in countless ways. She was a faithful, safe friend. She loved any time at the café in Richey, whether eating or visiting! She enjoyed crossword puzzles and sending cards to others. She lived a most contented life.

After their declining health she and Melvin moved to Eastern Montana Veteran's Home. She quickly settled in, humoring the staff with her constant singing and humming. Hugs and kisses were lavishly given and received as they assisted her with daily life. They truly became her family after Melvin's death. We children are humbly blessed by the loving care she received.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Melvin; her parents; brothers, Alvin, Morel, Walter, and Grant. Phillip and Daniel died in infancy.

Left to marvel at her courage and love of Jesus are a son, James (Becky) Schwartz of Dickinson, North Dakota; daughter, Jan (Vern) Brost of Billings, Montana; daughter, Nadine (Neil) Hoff of Glendive; grandchildren, TJ Schwartz, Justin (Margaret) Schwartz, Ryan (Kayla) Schwartz, Tracy (Steve)

Neary, Jeff (Tonya) Brost, Dave (Kylie) Brost, and Kyle Hoff; foster granddaughter, Suzannah and her son, James; fourteen great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

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

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Mennonite Cemetery

Bloomfield, MT

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Visitation

MAY 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
221 N. Meade Avenue
P.O. Box 848
Glendive, MT 59330
(406) 377-2622
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<https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com>

Family & Friends Service

MAY 1. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Service

MAY 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Bethlehem Mennonite Church
183 County Road 516
Bloomfield, MT 59315

Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Schwartz*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Toni Schultz lit a candle in memory of Thelma Schwartz*



Toni Schultz - May 08, 2015 at 01:31 PM



“ *Jim, Janet, Nadine, and all the Schwartz family: What a lady. Cheerful, fun to be around, always an encouragement. We will be seeing her again at the Savior's feet. Blessings on all of you as you remember her life. -Dennis & Ruth Howard*

Dennis Howard - May 07, 2015 at 08:31 PM



“ *Would have so loved to have been at Thelma's service, but distance prevented it. What wonderful memories I have of Thelma. She was such an encourager always had a smile for you. Forget a birthday, I don't think so. So appreciated getting her cards as long as she could send them. What a ministry. How she must be rejoicing seeing her Savior's face and so many loved ones that had gone on before her. May many wonderful memories comfort you all in the days ahead. Our love and prayers, Bob and LaVonne*

Bob and LaVonne Johnson - May 06, 2015 at 10:00 PM

PR

“ *She was one in a million, she always had a smile and a kind work for all of us who worked at EMVH. I can just picture her and Melvin sitting together holding hands, They were two of the kindest and most loving people that I ever had the pleasure of knowing. May God bless the entire Schwartz family.*

Pam Roe - May 06, 2015 at 06:59 PM

CG

“ *To the family of Thelma Schwartz you have my sympathy. She is with Melvin holding hands like I remember when caring for her. She loved when children would visit the vet's home. Her smile would light up a room. God speed Cindy Greiman*



Cindy Greiman - May 06, 2015 at 01:07 PM

LG

“ *Jan and Nadine were a great comfort when my father, William Grzanic, was at EMVH. Thelma was always a great person to visit with. Always a kind lady. My condolences to all of you and your families. Laura Grzanic - Belfield, ND*

Laura Grzanic - May 06, 2015 at 10:44 AM

LM

“ To The Family of Thelma, I was a resident at EMVH for 3 months or so and Thelma ate at a table near me. She was so loved by the nursing staff and CNA's. She had a cute little smile and I enjoyed hearing her sing the pony song with Eileen! She is singing with God now and is healthy and happy with her family who we've gone before. My sympathies to your family. Sincerely, Leslie Johnson Micheletto



Leslie Micheletto - May 03, 2015 at 02:53 PM

VB

“ Thelma was my school friend in Lambert and her father was the custodian and I remember her Mother. She was a fun person--value the time we had together. Sympathy and thinking of you. Verna (Thiessen) Bouchard Psalms 46

verna (thiessen) Bouchard - May 02, 2015 at 07:40 PM

NK

“ Nadine and Family,
Your in our thoughts!

Nancy and Linda Korb - May 01, 2015 at 07:18 PM

JL

“ Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of
Thelma Schwartz



Janette Legato - May 01, 2015 at 04:59 PM

JD

“ *Thelma's Family,*

During our stay in the Richey School Apartment Complex in 1958-60, we were privileged to make our first acquaintance with this dear woman and her family. We have many fond memories of Thelma. Even though you are experiencing the greiving process now, you can also take joy in knowing that Thelma is in the presence or our dear Lord.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
John & La Vonne Deeney*

John & La Vonne Deeney - May 01, 2015 at 03:23 PM

JS

“ *Sadly, Heaven has gained another angel! May god bless you all!*

Jim and Donna Stanfill - May 01, 2015 at 03:14 PM

VD

“ *Nadine and Family,*

We are so sorry for the loss of you Mom & Grandma. Keep your memories close to your heart. Val, Tom, Cathy & Lucas Dekker

Valerie Dekker - May 01, 2015 at 02:39 PM

LA

“ I had the wonderful fortune of meeting Thelma when I was very young, when Becky & Jim were married. Our family was enriched by this union, as Thelma & Melvin were always happy to include the Olson clan in family gatherings at their house for holidays or just for Sunday dinner. I remember much fun & laughter at those gatherings. Both Thelma & Melvin had hearts of gold. I had forgotten about her selling Avon until I read the family's tribute to her. It was always fun sitting around her kitchen table trying out new samples and learning to paint my nails with the "big girls". Many many happy memories of a kind and gentle soul. I am so glad to have known her. Jim, Janet, Nadine & families -- our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Lori & Bob Aho & family.

Lori Aho - May 01, 2015 at 02:34 PM

CE

“ Jim, Jan, Nadine
Sorry to hear of your moms death. Sounds like it was very peaceful and good. She and Melvin are sure to be happy in their reunion! Most of the things I remember about your mom and dad are from the mid sixties. I remember how great she was when I was around. She was always smiling and upbeat and very kind. I am so thankful she was in good care in her final years. It is a blessing when the elderly are so loved as they make the journey. I would have liked to come to the service on the hill and see all of you. Unfortunately I can't make the trip. Last time I visited with her and your dad was there. I will have to stop by that church/graveyard next time i pass that way.
Peace
Calvin Eggum

Calvin Eggum - May 01, 2015 at 11:25 AM

DW

“ *Thelma's family, May the Lord be near you on your Mom and Grandma's homegoing-John 11:25,26. What a special, fun-loving lady she was. Your mom and dad were so good to our family the years we lived at Bethlehem. She only got me to a lutefisk dinner once though. And at the 100th church anniversary, she wouldn't give me back my Twins hat till I gave her a hug. Precious memories-God bless, Dennis and Loretha Webber*

Dennis Webber - April 30, 2015 at 10:20 PM

AB

“ *I sure enjoyed taking care of Thelma when I worked at EMVH. She enjoyed her bubble baths and we giggled alot through them! Loved to hear her sing and she enjoyed when we would sing along with her! She is now singing with the angels!! May God Bless and Comfort you during this time. Alice Brittian*

Alice Brittian - April 30, 2015 at 05:46 PM

BA

“ *Jim, Nadine, Jan and Families, Prayers and thoughts for all of you as you are missing your Mom. What a sweet, kind woman your mom was to everyone! I remember Mom (Vi) calling her "Telma" as I think Great Grandma (Thea) called her that. Just remember that your mom is in heaven joined again with your dad. Many blessings!*

Barb and Tom Albrecht - April 30, 2015 at 12:39 PM

GP

“ *Jan, Nadine and Families,
So sorry to hear of Thelma's passing. I will always remember her as the kind and gentle soul she was. I know it is hard to lose the people that we love. I will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.
Hugs and Love,
Gail Pomplun*

Gail Pomplun - April 30, 2015 at 09:58 AM

LG

“ *Jim, Jan, Nadine and families: We are sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She was one in a million and will be missed. My mom, Leona and now your mom will all be celebrating birthdays together again. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. Les and Gina Tipton*



Les and Gina - April 29, 2015 at 10:51 PM

SJ

“ *Janet and Nadine, so sorry to hear of your mom's passing, I was thinking about her just this am and wondering how she was doing since I had visited w/you two gals a couple Saturday's ago. Glad she is now in heaven w/your dad! What a great reunion they had! Take care. love and prayers to you all, Roy and Sheryl Johnson.*

Sheryl Johnson - April 29, 2015 at 03:52 PM

CB

“ *Nadine and Jan and families: So sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. May God bless all of you in this sorrowful time. Cindi Byron*



Cindi Byron - April 29, 2015 at 02:13 PM