

Donna, Mom, 83, cast off the shackles of this world on March 10, 2023, to join God and her soulmate, Lee Lewis, of 55 years. Mom was born February 4, 1940. Second child to Raymond and Aggie Collins in Ekalaka, MT. Mom spent her childhood years in Ekalaka at a time when children played freely around the town and surrounding country side. She attended Ekalaka elementary and graduated from Carter County High School in 1958. As a young girl, Mom enjoyed horseback riding with her friends and took part in many school events and activities. Mom married Dad on June 11, 1958 and she cherished their years together in Ekalaka and on the ranch 30 miles southeast of Ekalaka under their Bell Tower Rock. The love of this marriage presented the world with four children: Terri (Lee) Carter of Belgrade, MT, Pamela (Gary) Gorder of Baker, MT, Wanda (Buff) Brown of Worland, WY and Lawrence (Mary) Lewis of Parker, CO. Mom was an outstanding healthcare provider who spent her entire adult life caring for and providing for the needs of others. As an LPN Nurse Mom worked for years at Dahl Memorial Hospital in Ekalaka and then took her talents to Fallon Medical Complex in Baker. She thrived on hospital work tending to the sick, injured and bringing new life into the world. However, Mom's heart was with our elderly population. She would say, "They are walking, talking history books." Mom spent the last 25 years of her nursing career providing for the needs of our "Walking History" population. She enhanced the quality of life for each and every person she ever touched. In the prime of her life, Mom work the land with Dad at the ranch where they raised kids, sheep, cattle and then buffalo. Mom loved the smell of spring wild flowers, the summer smell of fresh cut hay, autumn's vibrant colors and the bright white snow of winter that covered the country side with the promise of moisture to bring new life the following spring. Mom enjoyed cooking and

baking for her family. But after she retired from her professional life her cakes, candies, caramels and brownies, made with love as the most important ingredient, were enjoyed by everyone she knew from Alaska to Alabama. Mom enjoyed traveling. She and Grandma Aggie traveled to "the old country", Norway, years ago on what Mom called her "trip to the home lands". There they visited many, many relatives and she said she had a blast. Over the years Mom and Dad took numerous trips in the motorhome visiting family and friends across these United States, but as mom would always say, "glad to get back home". Mom and her grade school friend, Kay (Elmore) Beard, traveled to the Sturgis South Dakota Motorcycle Rally when they were in their late 70's! Mom's last big traveling venture, when she was 82, was again with Kay to Arkansas where she spent 3 weeks with Kay helping to set up Kay's new home. Mom shared that she saw beautiful country and couldn't wait to go back again and enjoy good times with Kay. Mom's life was filled with far too many accomplishments to list. We'd fill a book and then a series. We'll "cut'er short", as she used to say, "give me the jest of the story".... Walking on the golden streets of heaven, Mom joins Dad, Lee Lewis; parents, Raymond and Aggie Collins; brothers, Earl and Gordy Collins; sister-in-law, LaRay Collins; grandson, A.J. Carter; great grand baby, Usher; and many other family members and friends. Mom left behind her four children, Terrie, Pam, Wanda and Lawrence; grandchildren, Amanda, Darick, Dustin, Donna, Sumerlea, Samantha, Sierra, Jed, Randy, Danno, Mackenzie, Fransisco, Kereysey; great grandchildren, Morgyn, Dekota, Jacey, Ryann, Kael, Sady, Briley, Jayda, Treytan, Shawn, Denton, Kaysen, Kaislee, Adlen, Ayla, Veda; three brothers, Edgar (Wanda) Collins, Jerry Collins, Larry (Charlotte) Collins; sisters, Sheila Pinegar and Jan Collins; many nieces, nephews and loved friends. Mom will be missed by everyone who truly knew her.

Donna Fae Lewis

February 4, 1940 - March 10, 2023



**A NURSE'S PRAYER
FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS**

Give me strength and wisdom,
When others need my touch;
A soothing word to speak to them,
Their hearts yearn for so much.
Give me joy and laughter,
To lift a weary soul;
Pour in me compassion,
To make the broken whole.
Give me gentle, healing hands,
For those left in my care;
A blessing to those who need me,
Heed a nurse's prayer, dear Lord.
Amen.



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FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, March 20, 2023 1:00 p.m.
Stevenson Funeral Home
Ekalaka, Montana

VISITATION

Monday, March 20, 2023 12:00 p.m.
Stevenson Funeral Home
Ekalaka, Montana

OFFICIATING

Tom Stieg

PALLBEARERS

Darick Gorder	Dustin Gorder
Jed Larson	Trent Harbaugh
Don Hirshfield	Jim Hamaker

INTERMENT

Beaver Lodge Cemetery
Ekalaka, Montana

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home
Ekalaka, Montana

*A meal will be served in the
Lutheran Church following the service.
Everyone is welcome.*