

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me
I wish you wouldn't cry
The way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We did not get to say
I know how much you love me
As much as I love you
And each time that you think of me
I know you'll miss me too
But when tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand
And said my place was ready
In heaven far above
And that I would have to leave behind
All those I dearly love
But when I walked through Heaven's Gates
I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me
From his great golden throne
He said this is eternity
And all I promised you
Today your life on earth is past
But here it starts a new
I promise no tomorrow
For today will always last
And since each day's the same way
There's no longing for the past
So when tomorrow starts without me
Do not think we're far apart
For every time you think of me
I'm right here in your heart

By David M. Romana

In Loving Memory CELEBRATING A LIFE

Brenda Gjerde

Family Receive Friends

Sunday, February 4, 2024 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home
Miles City, MT

Funeral Service

Monday, February 5, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home
Miles City, MT

Officiating

Pastor Dan Barber

Music

"The Old Rugged Cross"
"Goodbye" "Home"

Pallbearers

Kassy DeBats, Kylee Maurer, Kallem Maurer,
Kortny Maurer, Trey Rickett, Kylana Hester,
Colton Rickett & Trenton Greub

Interment

Will follow in the family lot of the
Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

Following the graveside service, a luncheon will
be held at the Parlor. Everyone is invited.

Hope Strength

Arrangements By
Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home

In Loving Memory Of

Brenda Gjerde

August 5, 1949 - January 26, 2024





Brenda Adienne Gjerde went to be with her heavenly father Friday evening, January 26, 2024 at Edgewood Vista in Billings, MT. surrounded by her family.

Brenda was born August 5, 1949 in Rhame, ND to Arnold Gjerde and Borghild (Boots) Gjerde. She was the 5th of 8 children. Her early life was spent in Rhame, ND. They then moved a couple times, before moving to Jordan. She started school in Jordan, MT. The family moved to Miles City in 1959 where she continued her education and graduated from Custer County High School in 1967.

After graduating from high school, she moved to California with her brother Wayne. There, she went to college at Life Bible College in Los Angeles for two years and then moved back to Montana. Through her sister Evelyn, she met David Edward Rickett (Ed). They married on April 5, 1970. They had 3 children, David, Denise (The "Twins") and Julie.

The "Twins" were born in Tulsa, OK in 1972, while Ed was there for college. They then moved back to Miles City in the spring of 1973. Brenda started her career at First Citizen's Bank, which later became First Interstate Bank in Miles City. Julie was born in Miles City in 1975. Brenda and Ed raised their family in Miles City. Her hobbies at that time included playing the piano, reading, crossword puzzles, crocheting and bowling.

She continued her career in banking and transferred to Billings in 1991 with First Interstate Bank. Her first grandchild, Kassy, was born in October, 1991. She spent the next several years working and spending her free time with her children, and grandchildren, Kassy, Colton, David (Trey), Kylana and Trenton.

In 2001, she suffered a massive stroke which ended her career as a data processing supervisor with First Interstate Bank. After her stroke, she became active in her church, helping out with Vacation bible school in the summers among other volunteer work throughout the year. She loved listening to music and playing Bejeweled on her computer. Thankfully she was able to live on her own for many years.

In 2018, she was no longer able to live independently. Her sticky notes would no longer hold her life together and she moved into an assisted living. As her dementia progressed, she was moved into Edgewood Vista, a memory care facility in Billings, who took great care of her until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents Arnold Gjerde and Boots LeNoue. Her brothers, Monte Briggs and Wayne Gjerde. She is survived by her children David (Shelley) Rickett, Denise (Kevin) Maurer and Julie Rickett. Her grandchildren Kassy (Lucas) DeBats, Kylee Maurer, Kallem Maurer, Kortny Maurer, Trey (Annie) Rickett, Kylana (Forrest) Hester, Colton Rickett and Trenton (Flor) Greub. Her great grandchildren Tinzy DeBats, Kason Maurer, Hadley Hester, Tucker Hester, DeLuca Greub and Lorenzo Greub. Her siblings Louise Yocum, Darrell Gjerde, Evelyn Barnaby, Charlene Nash and Gena LeNoue.

Should friends desire memorials can be made to Edgewood Vista 1225 Wicks LN, Billings, MT, 59105.

