

Karen Joyce (Kihle) Melby was born in Columbus, ND, on February 13, 1939 to parents Judeen and Marjorie (Kennedy) Kihle. Karen was raised and educated in Columbus, ND. On September 7, 1958, she was united in marriage to Gary Melby, in Columbus, ND. Karen was a stay at home Mom and they raised their four children in Sidney, MT.

Karen and Gary spent their retirement years at their Rock Creek cabin by Ft. Peck Lake. She always came home for all of her grandchildren's sporting events. One of her most enjoyable things to do was listening to the radio, taking stats and waiting for her grandkids to call for the update. When not actively watching each of the grandkids in their sports, she made it her job to teach all of them to play a mean game of whist. Holidays were spent with a very aggressive whist tournament at Grandma's house involving everyone. She would usually take first and give the prize to second place; last place was a deck of cards so they could practice more! Karen died Saturday, June 21, 2008 in her home after being diagnosed with cancer. She spent her final days surrounded by her family.

Karen is survived by: her daughter, Tracy (Rod) Hagen and their children, Ryan & Danielle, Sidney, MT; sons, Guy Melby and his children, Gary, Gresh, Beau and Grady, Sidney, MT; Mitch Melby and his children, Jesse, Jenna, Minot, ND, Chandi (Tyler) Tombre and their children Cade and Jaeger, Savage, MT; Jade (Shelly) Melby and their children, Skyler and Mason, Baker, MT; a brother, Dean Kihle, Crosby, ND; a sister, Pat Anderson, Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her husband Gary; her parents, Marjorie and Judeen Kihle; a sister, Shirley Barden and one great-grandson, Dayce Tombre.

In Loving Memory Of



Karen Melby

"When I Must Leave You"

*I must leave you
for a little while
For my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness
on empty days,
But fill each waking hour
in useful ways,
Reach out your hand
in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
and hold you near;
And never, never
be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you
in the sky!*

Helen Steiner Rice

Karen Joyce Melby

Born

February 13, 1939

Columbus, North Dakota

Died

June 21, 2008

Sidney, Montana

Private Family Memorial

1:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 29, 2008

Sidney, Montana

Honorary Casketbearers

Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Ryan Hagen Danielle Hagen Gary Melby
Gresh Melby Beau Melby Grady Melby
Chandi Tombre Tyler Tombre Cade Tombre
Jaeger Tombre Jesse Melby Jenna Melby
Skyler Melby Mason Melby

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