



Louise was born to Minnie (Lake) Thornton and Lewis Thornton on September 27, 1916 on their homestead in the Spring Lake area; later, they moved to the Three Buttes area.

Louise was a member of the Faith Alliance Church in Sidney, MT and did a lot of volunteer work and had many friends. She was a nurse at the Sidney Hospital where she met her husband Charles (Pete) Wilkison. They had three girls, Beverly, Marie and Lois. Pete passed away in 1965.

They owned and operated a dairy farm in the valley over 25 years. She then sold everything and bought her home in Sidney and went to work for the Richland County Health Department. In 1967 she married Riley Tyree and they ran the Tyree Sewing Center. Riley passed away in 1976. Louise's daughter, Beverly, passed away in 2001, and a great granddaughter passed away in 2012.

Louise died on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility, Sidney, MT.

Louise is survived by two daughters, Marie (Gary) Hess of Columbus, MT, and Lois (Kenneth) Hietala of Michigan, ND; several loving grandchildren, Kari (Tom) Hess Hjelseth Schaffer of Thief River Falls, MN, Kirk (Jamie) Hess of Columbus, MT, Mike (Andrea) Scharosch of Redkin, WY, Marcy (Brad) Scharosch Martin and their daughter, Savannah of Billings, MT, Melisa Scharosch and three boys of Atlanta, GA, Stanna (Dennis) Hietala Flom of Harwood, ND, and Michaela (Kevin) Hietala Misialek of Adams, ND; brother, Kenneth (Kaye) Thornton of Sidney, MT; sister, Bertha Phares of Portland, OR; and many nieces and nephews.

Louise is preceded in death by 2 infants; her parents; brothers, Captain Thornton, E.J. Thornton and Stanley Thornton.

## *In Loving Memory Of*



*Louise Tyree*

## ***The Story of Grandma's Hands***

*“Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled, shriveled and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life. They braced and caught my fall when I was a toddler. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back. As a child my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They tied my shoes and pulled up my boots. They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn daughters.*

*Decorated with my wedding band, they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special. They trembled and shook when I buried my parents, spouse and great granddaughter. They have held children, consoled neighbors, and shook in fists of anger when I didn't understand. They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body.*

*They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day when not much of anything else of mine works real well these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer. These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of my life. But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out to take when he leads me home. And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ.”*

## ***Louise Elisie Tyree***

### **Born**

September 27, 1916  
Spring Lake, Montana

### **Died**

April 12, 2014  
Sidney, Montana

### **Memorial Service**

10:00 A.M., Saturday, April 19, 2014

Fulkerson Memorial Chapel  
Sidney, Montana

### **Officiating**

Pastor Richard Evans  
Church of the Nazarene

### **Honorary Casketbearers**

All of Louise's great grandchildren

### **Interment of Cremains**

Fairview Cemetery  
Fairview, North Dakota

You may share your remembrances and condolences with  
the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website

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