

*Petals of Her Life*

As beautiful as a rose to see,  
Was her life she lived so gracefully.  
She made things precious by her touch,  
Her selfless love lives on in each of us.  
The petals of her life fell one by one,  
Each a gift of her heart  
till there were none.  
Yet her radiance blooms once again  
In fields of glory with no end.



*Harvest of Memories*

When you plant seeds  
in the lives of others  
And water them with love and care  
You will reap a harvest  
of sweet memories  
That will follow you everywhere

*In Memory Of*



***Ardelle Leora Vaira***

February 10, 1925

May 14, 2016



*Ardelle L. Vaira*

**Born**

*February 10, 1925 Richey, MT*

**Died**

*May 14, 2016 Sidney, MT*

**Funeral Services**

*10:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 24, 2016*

*Pella Lutheran Church*

*Sidney, Montana*

**Officiating**

*Pastor Neil Lindorff*

**Music**

*Gillette Vaira Doris Norby Vicki Vaira*

**Casketbearers: Her Grandchildren**

*Anthony Vaira Thomas Vaira*

*Sean Vaira Gillette Vaira*

*Rochelle Griffin Chase Vaira*

*Kyle Vaira Amy Loder*

*Angela Vaira Michael Vaira*

**Honorary Casketbearers**

*All of Ardelle's many friends and family*

**Ushers**

*Larry Gibson David Vaira*

**Interment**

*Sidney Cemetery Sidney, MT*

**Lunch will be served in the church  
fellowship following graveside services**

*You may share your remembrances, condolences, and pictures  
with the family at the Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home*

*Website: [www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com)*

Ardelle Vaira was born on February 10, 1925 in Richey, MT to parents Celia (Olson) and Wilbur Gibson. At age 1 she and her family moved to Indiana. She had many fond memories of her time there playing with friends in the woods, swimming in the lake and enjoying all the different trees and flowers that she loved, even as a child. In 1935, her family moved back to Richey where she attended school and graduated in 1944. Ardelle worked at the Richey Meat Market and was a waitress at her families cafe, The Gibson Cafe, in Richey

One day Ardelle was selling poppies for the Veteran's and a handsome man, Paul Vaira, came by and offered her one dollar for a poppy. She gave him a poppy and later, her hand in marriage, on August 12, 1950. Paul and Ardelle made their home at Spring Lake for almost 60 years where they farmed, ranched and raised their family. They moved to Sidney, and in July of 2015, Ardelle moved to the Sidney Extended Care where she has lived since.

Ardelle was an artist and loved to paint pictures. At age 60, she took classes after which she painted pictures that now hang in the homes of many of her family and friends. She also cut and fixed hair for many of the neighbor ladies in her home. Ardelle loved dogs, horses and animals of any kind and was always on the lookout for a special

pet for one of her grandchildren. She loved to garden and to work in her yard. Her special joy, though, were her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved to have them around her, and she spent many hours faithfully following them in all of their many activities.

Ardelle attended the First Lutheran Church in Lambert, WIFE, Mona Homemakers, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She served on the board of the Matthew House in Sidney.

Ardelle died Saturday afternoon, May 14, 2016 at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Survivors include: her husband, Paul, Lambert, MT; her sons, Collin (Cheryl) Vaira, Lambert, MT, Tim (Jean) Vaira, Billings, MT, Kelly (Jen) Vaira, Lambert, MT and Pat Vaira of Savage, MT; her sister, Wanda (Alan) Tofte, Sidney, MT; her 10 grandchildren, Gillette Vaira, Anthony (Sara) Vaira, Thomas Vaira, Sean Vaira, Amy (Greg) Loder, Angela Vaira, Michael Vaira, Chase Vaira, Rochelle (Nick) Griffin, and Kyle Vaira; her 8 great-grandchildren and one coming in June; numerous nieces and nephews.

Ardelle was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Wallace and Julian, and an infant brother.