

Ilene Dorothy Riedel was born in Fairview, MT, on January 8, 1937. She died on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at her daughter's home in Delano, MN. In the meantime she was a busy woman and made a lot of people love her. She was the youngest of eight children born to Walter and Mary Riedel, German immigrants from Russia. She loved Fairview, the town and the people.

Ilene's parents gave her a wonderful childhood growing up in rural Fairview with her many siblings and cousins. She was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith. Ilene was proud of her perfect attendance for all of her years at Sunday school. She was a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church in Fairview. She attended grade school at Central School and graduated from Fairview High School in 1954. Ilene married William Dore in 1958 and had four children: Michael, Sabrina, Sheila, and Charisse. She was an amazing single mother to them. Mistakes were made but she was always there to help put things back together, lend an ear, or sometimes cash. She faced many challenges in her life. The most devastating was the death of her son, Michael, in 1980.

She shared great memories with her daughters from the years she managed the Snak Shak in Fairview, but found her place in 1983 when she started working at Super Valu. She had second, third, and fourth families at the store. Ilene watched a generation of young people and then their children grow up. She loved being there and she especially loved her "box boys". Many of them grew up to be extraordinary men. You know who you are. She loved all the little kids and often loaned them money or just gave them quarters. If someone unfamiliar came into the store she would find out who they were and why they were in town. Always nosey and didn't care who knew it.

Ilene loved to cook. She was interested and wasn't afraid to ask people about new recipes they were trying based on the groceries they were buying. She loved cookbooks and had a large collection. She also had quite a shoe collection. We told her if her house burned down people would think she had a dead cow in her bedroom.

More than anything Ilene loved people. She had a fabulous sense of humor and loved to share a good joke. She always managed to find something to laugh about and didn't let her long battle with cancer get her down. She was concerned about other people who were sick and always asked about them. She was generous, compassionate, and had remarkable strength. We were all lucky to have her in our lives.

Ilene had a great last year living in Minnesota with her daughter Sabrina and her family; although she missed her home and her people after leaving Super Valu in the fall of 2007. She loved her lake view and enjoyed being with her grandchildren. She spoiled them rotten, same for the family dog. She flew to Las Vegas last July with her grandson, Michael, to visit Sheila. She hadn't been on a plane since 1958. She really enjoyed the trip.

Her beloved son Michael preceded Ilene in death. Also passing on before her were her parents, Walter and Mary Riedel; her brothers, Herbert (Agnes), Harold (Frieda), and Victor Riedel; her sisters, Helen (Albert) Miller, Belva Jean Gable, and Esther Riedel.

Her daughters survive her: Sabrina (Pat) Steer, Delano, MN, Sheila (Rob) Mortimer, North Las Vegas, NV, and Charisse Gross, Fairview, MT; her grandchildren, Brittany, Michael, and Ramie Steer, Tyler and Ashley Gross; a brother, Albert (Bernice) Riedel, Fairview, ND; sisters-in-law, Lillian Riedel, Fairview, ND and Louise Christensen, Sidney, MT; brother-in-law, Tom Gable, Fairview, MT; many dearly loved cousins, nieces, and nephews.

## In Memory Of Ilene Dorothy Riedel



January 8, 1937  
February 10, 2009

God saw you getting tired,  
and a cure was not to be.  
So he put his arms around you,  
and whispered, "Come with Me".  
With tearful eyes we watched you,  
We watched you fade away.  
Although we loved you dearly,  
we could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
hard working hands now rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.

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*You can only have one mother  
Patient kind and true;  
No other friend in all the world,  
Will be the same to you.  
As we look upon your picture.  
Sweet memories we recall,  
Of a face full of sunshine,  
And a smile for one and all.  
Sweet Jesus, take this message,  
To our dear mother up above;  
Tell her how we miss her,  
And give her all our love*

## **Ilene Dorothy Riedel**

### **Born**

*January 8, 1937  
Fairview, Montana*

### **Died**

*February 10, 2009  
Delano, Minnesota*

### **Memorial Service**

*10:00 A.M., Saturday, February 28, 2009  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Fairview, Montana*

### **Officiating**

*Pastor Louise Christensen*

### **Music**

*Pam Burman      Ellen Croy*

### **Honorary Casketbearers**

*Ilene's cousins, nieces, nephews  
and grandchildren;  
Brittany, Michael and Ramie Steer  
Tyler and Ashley Gross*

### **Ushers**

*Vess Hurley      Gary Baker*

### **Interment of Cremains**

*Fairview Cemetery  
Fairview, North Dakota*

**Lunch will be served at the church  
following graveside services**

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

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