



## Wayve Marie Boyd

December 16, 1925 - April 4, 2015

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Wayve Marie Boyd passed away on April 4, 2015. She was born in 1925 to Theora Mercer Boyd (Nolte) and C. C. Boyd of Twin Bridges. Wayve's early childhood was spent on a small family ranch on the Big Hole River. When she was about four, the family relocated to Silver Star. A few years later, Wayve moved into Twin Bridges with her mother Theora and her grandmother Eva Page Mercer.

Grandma Mercer would put Wayve's clothes out for her each morning -- in the order she needed to put them on; this apparently eliminated any confusion as to where the outer clothing actually belonged!

When Wayve was 15, she went to the Twin Bridges High School Prom wearing a pink Dotted Swiss dress that she and Theora had made. There she met Melvin Wesley Boyd, and they formed an instant and lasting connection. Wayve graduated from Twin Bridges High in 1943, moved to Ohio for several months, and then spent a semester in nursing school in Bozeman. While Wes was home on leave from the Army in March of 1944, the couple was married. (Their five children endured many patient explanations from teachers and officials over the years about how your mother's "maiden name" means her name before she was married. But when Wayve Boyd marries Wesley Boyd, you just fill out the forms and explain that you are "100% Boyd".)

Wes took a job with the Nolte Ranch Company in the early 1950's, and the family settled in Silver Star. Wayve was an excellent seamstress, but her culinary abilities sometimes left a bit to be desired! She was a caring, patient mom who clearly believed that the ranch animals (including the field mice "rescued" one summer by her nephew Bill Kirley) belonged outside rather than inside the house; but she also had a soft spot for the animals. One year, when the Jefferson River suddenly overflowed its banks and floodwaters quickly surrounded the house, Wayve found herself outside in her fluffy chenille bathrobe (stretched out on the back porch with her sleeves rolled way up)

plucking a litter of kittens out of their bobbing apple box while the mother cat supervised from several yards away. Wayve packed up "those darned cats", the kids who were still at home, and everybody moved to Ed & Theora Nolte's house for several days.

Wayve was a long-time, faithful member of the Church of the Valley in Twin Bridges. She was active in the Ladies Aid & Silver Star Circle groups, and served as the Sunday School Superintendent for many years. She took a part-time job at the Silver Star Post Office in 1969, and went on to retire as Postmaster in 1983. For several years after her retirement, Wes and Wayve spent their winters in the Parker, AZ area where they played pinochle and swapped outlandish stories (sometimes based in truth!) with the new friends they made. In 1994, the Boyds sold their Silver Star home and moved to Dillon.

Wayve will best be remembered by her family as a caring and tireless caregiver to Wes during his final illness. Her love for Wes and her unwavering faith in God carried the entire family during that time.

Wayve was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley Boyd, her sister Ruth Miller, half-sister Opal Warrick and step-sister Ruth Webb. Survivors include her son, Mike Boyd of Billings, and daughters and sons-in-law Evelyn & Bill Alley of Townsend, Sue & Mike Jensen of Dillon, Kerry & Tom Johnson of Montana City, and Cindy & Ed Coad of Dillon, along with 15 grandchildren and their families, including 21 great-grandchildren. Her sister, Fern Kirley of Helena, step-sister Myrtle Johnston of Boulder, several nieces and nephews and special friend Les Masterson of Arizona also survive Wayve.

The family thanks the loving caregivers of The Legacy in Dillon for their kindness these past several months. A funeral service is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, at 11 am in the First Presbyterian Church, the corner of Pacific and Sebree Streets in Dillon, with a luncheon to follow. Inurnment will be at the Silver Star Cemetery at 2 pm that day. The family suggests memorials to The Smile Train, PO Box 96231, Washington DC 20090-6231, or to the charity of one's choice.

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.

**Brundage Funeral Home** - July 16, 2015 at 12:49 PM

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“ Cindy, You, Ed and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I know how difficult the loss of a parent can be. You have a wealth of memories to look back on when times get tough. My deepest sympathy, Sandy Mahoney

**Sandy Mahoney** - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to you, Cindy, and your entire family. Cherish the memories and they will remain in your heart forever.

**Shelly Dickinson** - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mike, Sorry for the loss of your mom. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

**Loren and Michelle Goedeken** - April 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry Evelyn to hear of the loss of your Mother. I have thought of your parents many times over the years. Especially when we go through Parker Az every year on our way to Yuma. May God be with you all and help you through this hard time in your life. I lost my Mother almost 20 years ago. I still miss her so very much. She was my very best friend. God bless you all.

**Lawana morrow hancock** - April 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Wayve family: OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY on the passing of Wayve. Such a gracious beautiful lady. So enjoyed her and Wes when we would see them in Twin Bridges. Uncle Charlie has his special friends now in heaven with him. GOD BLESS! the Zimpel family, Uncle Charley niece.

yvonne (Robbins) zimpel - April 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mike, Susan and Family, Very sad to hear about the passing of Wayve. I will not be able to come to the services on next Saturday due to another commitment. Clyde

Clyde and Pat Carroll - April 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ What a great obituary. It truly made me smile. So many things I remember about your Mom and all the relatives. I know my Mom had to explain to me about the Boyd thing too. It is time to celebrate those memories and she will always be with us just as the ones that have past on before her. Can't you just hear all the catching up they are all doing. I am thinking of you all and my prayers are with you.

Carol Nolte York - April 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ miss Wayve, i enjoyed our many visits, your wisdom and awesome sense of humor. I admire your faith and love for your family, and will cherish our memories. I end this note as we did nightly, "sleep tight"! May you be free of pain, at peace and relishing in the love of your savior. My condolences go out to all of the famiy. Thanks for sharong your mother with us.. God bless!

staci - April 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Wayve's family, May the memories be sweet as you celebrate a life well lived. May God bless your family and bring you comfort during this time and the months ahead.

Michelle Eder - April 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing Cindy. I pray that God will embrace you all as you celebrate her life through memories and laughter. Our Mother's are so dear to us all. They are the backbone of our families as well as always being there for a shoulder to lean on. They always give without asking for anything in return, except for your save being and love. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this time of loss. God Bless.

**Darcia Larsen** - April 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful woman. My sympathies go out to all her family, but especially my friend Cindy. Thinking of you at this time.

**Marilyn McMullen** - April 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Wayve's family~ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time-hold close to your hearts all the wonderful memories and know that she lives on in all of you. God bless. Judy Siring

**Judy Siring** - April 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM