

Martha Jean Rich (née Shields)

7/13/1945-3/4/2025

Services for Martha J. Rich will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Weston County Senior Citizen Center, with burial at Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle, Wyoming. Coffee and remembrance to follow at the Senior Center in Newcastle. Visitation for friends and family will be at Meridian Mortuary on Sunday, March 9, 2025, from 6-8:00 p.m. Martha was born on Friday, July 13, 1945 (something she was always very proud of) and left her mortal bonds on March 4, 2025, after her courageous battle with cancer, reuniting with her husband, Ronnie. She was born to Orval and Mae Shields in Newcastle, Wyoming. Martha was the ninth of ten children and the first to be born in a hospital. She attended schools in Osage and Upton, graduating from Upton High School in 1964. On April 23, 1968, Martha married Ronald D. Rich in Newcastle at the Newcastle Assembly of God Church. In her life, Martha was a Sunday school teacher, a Girl Scouts Brownie leader, a Daisies leader, worked at Red Owl, Jack and Jill, Newcastle Floral, and Super Kmart in Greeley, CO. She had a daycare in Williston, ND. Two jobs she excelled in was at the Weston County Manor as an NSA for nine years and at the Weston County Hospital as a dietary aide for nine years. Perhaps the most dedicated position she held was that of a mother. In 1970, she gave birth to her first daughter Corinda Rae. In 1973, she gave birth to Candice Jo. Martha is survived by Cori and her friend Phil, and Candi (Earl), grandchildren: Kellan, Shelby, Morgan, and Nathan. Bonus grandchildren: Corey and Melinda, Caleb and Hunter; great-grandchildren: Bailey, Brooke, JJ, Kolter, Autumn, Keaton, Adisyn, and Paizley; brother: John (Bertie) Shields of Casper, Wyoming; sisters: Lois of Torrington, Wyoming, and Sarah (John) Wolf of Mesa, Arizona. She is also survived by her in-laws: Carolyn Shields, Marilyn Wright, Terry (Barrett) Rich, Dick (Bonnie) Rich, and Brenda (Alfred) Costello, all of Newcastle, Wyoming, and Evelyn Shields of Texas, and her best friend, Barb Johnson of Newcastle, Wyoming; numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins. Preceding her in death: her husband of 42 years, Ronnie, twin great-grandchildren: Elena and Aliza, her parents: Orval and Mae Shields, brothers: Charles and Jim Shields, Sisters: Esther, Betty, Naomi, and Ruth Shields, in-laws, extended family, and friends. Pallbearers are her daughters, Cori and Candi, Phil and Earl, Barrie and Shelby. Honorary pallbearers are Barb Johnson, John Shields, Terry and Dick Rich, and Terry and Neta Jenkins. A memorial has been established and donations can be sent to Brenda Costello at 421 Deanne Avenue, Newcastle, Wyoming, 82701.

Honor our Mother and best friend, the Matriarch... she welcomes you.



**Marina McIlvain, Tara Cowger,
Nikki Johnson, Rita Mashak**
Funeral Service-Monuments-
Advance Planning-Cremation-
Lending Library, Learning to say
goodbye; children's tour

In
Loving Memory of



Martha Jean Rich
July 13, 1945– March 4, 2025

Visitation

Sunday, March 9, 2025
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m
Meridian Mortuary
Newcastle, Wyoming

Funeral Service

2:00 p.m. Monday, March 10, 2025
Weston County Senior Center
Newcastle, Wyoming

Officiant

Pastor Jon Anderson

Pallbearers

Cori Clements	Candi Barclay
Phil Clements	Earl Barclay
Barrie Shields	Shelby Sandoval

Honorary Pallbearers

Barb Johnson	Dick Rich
John Shields	Terry Jenkins
Terry Rich	Neta Jenkins

Music

"Angels Among Us"
"If We Were Never to Meet Again"
"Rocking Years"

Interment

Greenwood Cemetery, Newcastle, WY
3:00 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2025
*Refreshments will be served following the interment.
at the Weston County Senior Center.*

"Crossing Over"

*Oh, please don't feel guilty
It was just my time to go.
I see you are still feeling sad,
And the tears just seem to flow.*

*We all come to earth for our lifetime,
And for some, it's not so many years.
I don't want you to keep crying,
You are shedding so many tears.*

*I haven't really left you
Even though it may seem so.
I have just gone to my heavenly home,
And I'm closer to you than you know.*

*Just believe that when you say
My name, I'm standing next to you,
I know you long to see me,
But there's nothing I can do.*

*But I'll still send you messages
And hope you understand,
That when your time comes to "cross over,"
I'll be there to take your hand.*

-Author Unknown