

Marlene "Lynn" Lou Gilzow passed away on December 27, 2025 at the age of 83.

Marlene was born on January 6, 1942 in Oceanside, CA to Carl and Elsie "Larson" Muehl. She was the oldest of five children, three sisters: Bernie, Linda & Jeri and one brother William "Pete".

Marlene spent her early years on her parent's farm near Gettysburg, SD. That is where she discovered her love for animals and had many pets throughout her life. In 1954 her parents sold the farm and purchased a business in Sturgis, SD. Marlene attended St Martin's Academy until high school and then attended Sturgis High School. Marlene met and married Albert Vollmer in 1959 and moved to Rapid City, SD. They had three daughters together; Wendy, Kathy & Lori. She later divorced and moved to Las Vegas, NV where she started her career working in the casinos. While living there she met and married Dick Sichterman, however, their marriage lasted only a short time. Then Marlene met and married Edward Gilzow with whom she moved to Lake Tahoe, NV and worked in the casinos there. Ed and Marlene moved to Blanchard, ID for a short time then returned to Nevada where they divorced a short time later. Marlene then moved back to Sturgis to live by and help care for her mother. After her mother's passing Marlene moved back to Lake Tahoe for a while then returned to Sturgis to live with her daughter Wendy.

Marlene is survived by her three sisters; Bernie (Alan) Miller, Linda Capser & Jeri (Joe) Chaney and her brother William "Pete" (Diane) Muehl. Three daughters; Wendy Skinner, Kathy (Jerry) Skinner & Lori (Kelly) Cleland. Three grandsons; Chad (Brandi) Skinner, Cody (Staci) Skinner & Kirby Cleland. Two granddaughters; Kelsey (Jon) Thomas & Molly (Alex) Raber. Two great-grandsons; Jayden Thomas & Oliver Cleland. Four great-granddaughters; Jessica Watson, Taylor Weisz, Rylei (Adarious) Wilkerson & Anna Jo Thomas. Along with several nieces & nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Carl & Elsie Muehl, one grandson Bailey Cleland, one niece Charice Muehl and one nephew Stacy Muehl.

A memorial service will be held on January 8, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Crossroad Assembly of God Church followed by a reception in the basement. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Sturgis Animal Shelter.

Thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory



Marlene "Lynn" Gilzow

January 6, 1942 ~ December 27, 2025



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Memorial Service

Thursday, January 8, 2026

11:00 am

Crossroads Assembly of God
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Linda Grenz

Honorary Pallbearers

Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren



As long as hearts remember. As long as hearts
still care. We do not part with those we love.
They're with us everywhere.

~Anonymous

