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# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Park

16 miles west of Butte  
Butte, MT 59701

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Tina's passing. Another piece of the Wisdom landscape has gone on to bigger and better things. From the time that she first started working at Fettys to all those years with her own restaurant and then on into retirement. She always had a unique positive attitude and was interested in everything. Will sure miss her. Memories of good times!

*Gary Helming--Butte*

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