



## Charles "Chuck" Harvey Senner

November 15, 1924 - October 6, 2017

Charles "Chuck" Harvey Senner, age 92, formerly of Bloomfield, Montana, peacefully went home to Heaven on Friday, October 6, 2017. Visitation will be held from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Friday, October 20, 2017 at Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Community Bible Church in Glendive with Curt Spencer officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Charles Harvey Senner was born on November 15, 1924 to Henry P. and Lillian (Boese) Senner in Glendive, Montana, and was the oldest in their family of five children. He led a life of service for those he loved; his family, his church, his community, his country, and above all, his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Chuck attended the Bloomfield School through eighth grade and continued his education at Dawson County High School, graduating in 1943.

He served our country in the United States Army during World War II in the European theater from 1944 through 1946. Upon completing his military service, he worked in Seattle in the clothing business before returning to Bloomfield to begin his farm life.

While traveling to South Dakota seeking medical help following an injury, he met Virginia Albrecht, who would be his life partner. Chuck and Gini were united in marriage at the Salem-Zion Mennonite Church in Freeman, South Dakota on June 12, 1953. They were blessed with four children, and shared their love for their family, God, beauty in landscapes, and music. (Date night was dressing up and going to town for community concerts.) They recently celebrated 64 years together, with their last three years residing at Highgate Senior Living in Billings.

Charles had a heart for many missionaries and Christian ministries—including his home congregation of Bethlehem Mennonite Church and later, Community Bible Church in Glendive. Eastern Montana Bible Camp held a special place as he worked on many building projects, including initial groundbreaking and construction. EMBC has been a place of camaraderie while working alongside farm friends, a place of fellowship during camps, and a place for music during Song Fest. He also was a member of the Gideons International for many years—helping distribute bibles locally and supporting work abroad. Chuck's love of music took root during high school as he enjoyed singing in the choir and

playing saxophone in the band. He was a part of music ministry all his life and last played his saxophone in church at age 92. He very much enjoyed the friendship of the men's quartet he sang in for decades. He made it a special point to thank others for their music, and enjoyed hearing his children and grandchildren sing and play instruments.

Chuck loved treating others—from buying candy at “the station” for his kids, to stopping for ice cream, to turning his office into a place for his grandkids to “visit,” (amidst games of pool and ping pong). His generosity didn't stop at the candy shop, but permeated his whole life.

Dad loved farming the land, building a successful farm operation and partnering with his son, Wes. He cultivated the soil, but he also cultivated beauty in music and nature. He nurtured crops and trees, but he also nurtured godly character in his family. He stayed grounded through all the changes that happened from horse and buggy days to the present, and will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Howard and Donnie; and son, Wes.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia "Gini"; his three daughters Brenda (Vic) Mullet of Laurel, Montana, Sandy (Darby) Carlson of St. Michael, Minnesota, and Tanya (Galen) Collins of Waxhaw, North Carolina; daughter-in-law Gladene Senner of Great Falls, Montana; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Chuck is also survived by his sister Mabel (Don) Emery of Bemidji, Minnesota; brother Walt (Joann) Senner of Bloomfield; sister-in-law, Sherilyn Senner Danielson; and numerous nieces and nephews. The family suggests any donations be given to the Gideons International or Eastern Montana Bible Camp.

Chuck's family would like to give a special thank you to the compassionate caregivers at Highgate Senior Living, to the kind people of Community Bible Church for hosting, and to friends and family for their love and support.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at:

[www.silhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silhafuneralhome.com)

# Events

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**OCT**   **Visitation**                      04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana  
221 N. Meade Avenue P.O. Box 848, Glendive, MT, US, 59330

**OCT**   **Memorial Service**                      10:30AM

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Community Bible Church  
615 E Clement, Glendive, MT, US, 59330

# Comments

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“ Chuck's Family -

Our sympathies and prayers are with all of you at this time. Chuck and Gini were very special friends for many years. We raised our families out in the Bloomfield community and also together at Bethlehem Mennonite Church. Together we had many times of fun and good fellowship. Myron and Chuck spent time together as they set up steel bins for each other out there on our farms. Chuck sang in a male quartet that Myron was part of, and he also sang in the choir at church. Now we are all older and Chuck has gone to Heaven. We live in a retirement complex in Greeley, CO, and keep ourselves busy with many things, but the years are going by fast. We look forward to seeing Chuck again in Heaven.

Phyllis and Myron Schultz

Phyllis Myron Schultz - October 22, 2017 at 04:05 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Harvey Senner.



October 19, 2017 at 04:35 PM

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“ We loved it when Chuck and Gini moved into the house across the Bloomfield road from my Dad and Mom. They were immediately a mainstay in the neighborhood. When we'd go to visit Dad and Mom, we always looked over at "the Senners' place" and admired how well-kept the property was...trim and clean and welcoming-looking. It was a result of them being hard-working and welcoming people! Chuck's smile and joke-cracking made him a favorite of ours. We have breakfast every Sunday morning with Mom at Highgate in Billings now that Dad is gone, and it is so good to see Gini every Sunday morning, too...still neighbors! Our sympathies to all of you Senners at this difficult time of adjustment without Chuck.

Jo Anne and Gary Herem - October 15, 2017 at 02:34 PM

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“ I was very sad to learn of the passing of Charlie. There are many things I remember about him but the summers spent working for him on the farm are among the highlights. He was easy and fun to work with and for. I enjoyed his sense of humor. I wish you God's strength as you remember his life.

Ronald Sawatzky

Ronald & LaVonne Sawatzky - October 15, 2017 at 11:36 AM

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“ What a blessing it was to have gotten to know Chuck as part of the CBC Glendive church family. It was great to see him every Sunday and to hear him clap especially long and loud in showing support and appreciation for the special music.

John & Renee Orluck - October 11, 2017 at 06:08 PM

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“ Heaven has another beautiful voice added to its choir! We will keep you lifted in prayer during this time of loss, Virginia. Hugs, Craig and Dea Hostetler

Dea Hostetler - October 10, 2017 at 01:54 PM

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“ May all the wonderful memories you share help you find peace. Thank you for always including me in your family. May God hold you close.

Sherilyn Senner Danielson - October 07, 2017 at 09:23 PM

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“ When our parents, Ed and Anne, were auctioning off their home and contents in Glendive in preparation for moving to Billings it was really tough on Dad. When his good friend, Chuck, arrived at the auction we asked him to sit in the chair next to Dad to help provide support for Dad. We thank the Senner's for their friendship to our folks and extended friendship to all of us 'kids'. I held Chuck's hand just two weeks ago when we visited at the breakfast table. What a sweet gentleman. Our family's sympathies to the Senner family. Bobi and Gene, Stan, Jo Anne and Gary, Jim and Donna.

Bobi Allard - October 07, 2017 at 01:50 PM

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“ What a joy it was to know Charlie. He was just a wonderful man. Walking with his saviour now! Love to Virginia and the rest of the family! Gary and Virginia

**Virginia Johnston** - October 06, 2017 at 06:26 PM



“ We were on our bus trip when we heard about Chuck passing and were really surprised. I could fill up this whole page remembering all the fun times we had with both of you, our trips for MMA, plus just fun things we did together. We are praying for you Gini and will see you on the 21st. Love to you, Paul and Myrt

**Myrtle Schultz** - October 12, 2017 at 10:18 AM



“ Gini and Family. We are so sorry to hear of Chucks passing. We have truly missed you both as neighbors. Not a day goes by when I go by your house that I remember seeing Chuck out mowing and tending to your beautiful evergreens. The trees have provided wonderful homes to all the pheasants, birds and most recently the fawns. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during the sad time.

**Les and Gina Tipton** - October 12, 2017 at 06:48 PM