



Angelo John Joseph Crisafulli

May 22, 1926 - November 20, 2015

Angelo Crisafulli, age 89, of Glendive, Montana, passed away peacefully at home in Glendive with his family by his side on Friday, November 20, 2015. Visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, November 27, 2015 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Francis Schreiber officiating. Rite of Committal will be held in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Angelo John Joseph Crisafulli was born in Glendive on May 22, 1926 to Giuseppe and Maria Crisafulli. He was the fifth of five children. He married Vera Willis in 1955 and together they raised three children. Vera was a popular kindergarten teacher, who passed away in 2004.

Angelo co-invented the Crisafulli Pump with his brothers, Joe and Frank Crisafulli. President Gerald Ford personally presented Angelo and Joe the Montana Small Business of the Year Award in 1978 for Crisafulli Pump Company. Crisafulli Pumps are used worldwide for agriculture, de-watering and dredge applications.

Angelo co-started several other local businesses with his family, including Crisafulli Farming, Crisafulli Canneries, Crisafulli Contractors, Crisafulli Ranching, the Trade Center, and Crisafulli A&M. An innovative thinker, Angelo was awarded numerous pump-related patents and one patent for an arcade game.

An avid fisherman and hunter, Angelo loved fishing with his many friends and with his kids and grandchildren. He won the national Boone & Crockett Big Game Club Award in 1970 for a moose hunt. Angelo co-sponsored the annual Glendive Wild Game Dinner, popular for many years. He was instrumental in getting the Paddlefish recognized for regulation by the Montana Fish and Game Department, and in the creation of the popular Hollecker Fishing Lake. Angelo contributed to the community in numerous ways, including President of the Associated Inventors of Montana, as a Knight of Columbus and by serving on the Glendive Hospital Board. The Montana Governor once proclaimed Angelo Crisafulli Day in recognition of Angelo's many contributions to the community.

Angelo was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Vera, brothers, Frank, Joe and Leonard and sister, Rose.

He is survived by his children, Kellee Crisafulli, Greg Crisafulli and Dr. Lorrie Poteet; their spouses Jill and Julie Crisafulli and Dr. Gary Poteet; grandchildren, Tom Crisafulli, Dakota and Dawson Poteet; Bingjie and Ling Turner; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafunerahomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Dawson County Cemetery

Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard
Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **27**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
316 West Benham Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Angelo John Joseph Crisafulli*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *My husband Herb and I are so sorry to hear of Angelo's passing. Herb had many good hunting and fishing trips with Angelo and Curt Meeds to save in his memory. Angelo so loved taking us to the trailer to fish during our time living in Montana.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Crisafulli family. What a wonderful and funny human being Angelo was.

Herb and Penny Eighmy

Herb and Penny Eighmy - December 16, 2015 at 12:40 PM



“ *It was a real privilege to get to know Angelo over the years. He was a very creative and interesting man, a really great fellow and friend, and I'll miss seeing him in the A&M office. A real loss to all of us. My condolences to the family. Dennis Scarnecchia*

Dennis Scarnecchia - December 01, 2015 at 09:40 PM



“ *I'm very sorry for your loss, Angelo rented to us when we were first married, and was very good to us. May memories of good times shared be of comfort to you in the days ahead. Deb Chouinard*

Deb Chouinard - December 01, 2015 at 02:38 PM

DD

“ SORRY FOR THE LOSS

*DAN AND SUMIKO DINARDI
BILLINGS MT*

DAN DINARDI - November 26, 2015 at 12:36 PM

AM

“ *Antonia Morasko lit a candle in memory of
Angelo John Joseph Crisafulli*



Antonia Morasko - November 25, 2015 at 02:06 PM

DW

“ *sounds like the world lost a modern day Macgiver! and a huge
contributor to mankind! thank you Angelo for your time and energy
to make our world a better place, how refreshing it is, RIP - Dan*

Dan Wildin - November 25, 2015 at 07:59 AM

KC

“ *Our Prayers and Our Condolences are sent out to all of you, we are
Sorry to hear of your loss.
Keith and Connie Carver*

Keith and Connie Carver - November 24, 2015 at 06:47 PM

MK

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family.*

myrna kintz - November 24, 2015 at 05:38 PM

JW

“ Kellee, Greg, Lorrie

Nadyne and I are so sorry to see our old friend finish his journey. In later years the trip from Great Falls to Glendive was just too far, but the telephone did a nice job of keeping in touch. In 1967 Angelo and Jerry joined a hunting party to Northern Alberta, to get that moose for the Crisafulli Wild Game dinner. Great memories. How heavy that Moose was for just the two of us to lift up even in quarters. In 1971 Nadyne and Jerry joined the family on the Intake for Paddle Fishing. 7 month pregnant Nadyne brought in the most fish and the meal afterwards cooked by Momma Crisafulli (Maria) with her sons and family around her was another Montana moment. Vera was always just to be there with Angelo. They are together now and Thatsa Nice.

*Nadyne and Jerry Weissman
2777 Greenbriar Drive
Great Falls, Montana 59404*

Jerry Weissman - November 24, 2015 at 09:03 AM

JS

“ *Jim and I send our heart-felt condolences to the Crisafulli family... With our kids, Sandy and Scott, we spent many happy years celebrating the holidays and other occasions with Vera and Angelo. The others who were always present were the Hellers, the Gentry's, the Meeds, the Mankoff's, and the Sterhans.... Angelo and Vera were the best hosts on the entire Glendive scene. They really cared about this community and Angelo was instrumental in many Glendive Forward programs... The only comfort in this passing is that he is free of pain and is in the arms of his loving wife, Vera. GOD SPEED.....RIP ANGELO*

Jim and Carol Swanson - November 23, 2015 at 09:27 PM

MA

So sorry for your loss. Your dad was instrumental in so many ways to Eastern Montana. He will be greatly missed. Mary Lee Ames

Mary Lee Ames - November 27, 2015 at 11:05 AM

MM

“*Angelo is clearly a legend. Truly one of the most special men I have met in my lifetime. I lived in Glendive during the 1970's with the railroad and still vividly remember his energy, his creativity, his friendship and generosity, and his love of all things outdoors. Come fall, all living birds and deer within Dawson county were in fear of his large Mercury cruising the fields and roads. This man did so much for Glendive. All I can say Angelo, to use your wonderful phrase: "Thatsa Nice". Mike Martin*

Mike Martin - November 23, 2015 at 03:35 PM

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“*Lorrie and Family I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Cherish your memories and hold them close they will help you get through the difficult days ahead. Your dad was a true inventor and a big part of the community.. he will be remembered by many. Rest in Peace. Becky (Chouinard)Tipton*

Becky (Chouinard)Tipton - November 23, 2015 at 12:56 PM

SP

“*To the Crisafulli family, you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Bob and I are glad we got to know Angelo and appreciate all he and the rest of the family have done for us.*

Sharon Pearce - November 21, 2015 at 07:18 PM

SR

“ *Wonderful man with great stories about his life and adventures. We lost a wonderful gentleman today and heaven sure gained a good angel. Love you*



Samantha Reidel - November 21, 2015 at 01:53 AM