



## Arnold "Arnie" Ames

August 12, 1955 - July 1, 2017

Arnold "Arnie" Ames, age 61 of Glendive, Montana passed away on Saturday, July 1, 2017 after a tragic motorcycle accident. Visitation will be held from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive and from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with a Family and Friends service at 7:00 P.M. Funeral services will be at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at Zion Lutheran Church with Pastor Will Johnson officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Arnie was born on August 12, 1955 to LeRoy and Alida (Moen) Ames in Williston, North Dakota. The family lived in Tioga, North Dakota for a short time before moving to Watford City, North Dakota where Arnie started his education. In 1962, the family moved to Glendive where Arnie continued his education graduating from Dawson County High School with the class of 1973. While in high school, Arnie participated in sports for the Red Devils, but most of his activities weren't necessarily sanctioned by the school. After high school Arnie enlisted in the United States Army where he served for two years, primarily in Germany. Upon his return to the states, Arnie continued his education by earning his associates degree from Miles Community College in Miles City, Montana and later attending Eastern Montana College in Billings, Montana. Following his education, Arnie returned to Glendive and worked for Anthony's Clothing Store, which influenced his reputation as always being well

dressed and clean cut. Arnie was later transferred to Boise, Idaho where he joined the National Guard. In 1984 he transferred with the National Guard to Bakersfield, California to be closer to his niece Jenny, who he helped care for, for the rest of his life. He continued with the National Guard until 1994 when Arnie decided to become a career member of the United States Army. During his career he received many accolades and was deployed to the middle east twice during Operation Desert Storm. In 2010, Arnie received his honorable discharge and retired from the Army to return to Glendive. He worked for one of his best friends Tim Mort at Mort Distributing in Glendive and remained there until the time of his passing.

Arnie was a third generation veteran, he followed in his father's footsteps and had always admired and looked up to him. He loved his family and friends and was always willing to go above and beyond for all of them. Arnie enjoyed hunting and fishing, carpentry, working on vehicles, riding his Harley Davidson and cruising in his Corvette. Arnie was a lifelong fan of the Beatles and the Dallas Cowboys. He was kind of a "movie star" or as close as Glendive will get to one, he was an extra in "Bronco Billy" which starred Clint Eastwood and "In The Army Now" starring Pauly Shore. Arnie was also featured in one of the most popular episodes of "American Restoration" when he had his 1962 Corvette pedal car turned into a go-cart.

Arnie was a member of the Glendive Masonic Lodge #31, the NRA, ABATE, Glendive Moose Lodge #949 and the VFW. He was very active in Zion Lutheran Church where he was the head deacon.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother-in-law, Bob McLain. Arnie is survived by his son, Jacob Ames of Bakersfield, four sisters, Lyla (Larry) Mitchell of Sheridan, Wyoming, LaNette (Dick) Simonton of Glendive, Andrea (Keith) Huschka of Glendive and Christie McLain of Apple Valley, Minnesota; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials are suggested in Arnie's name to: Zion Lutheran Church, 401 Riverview Ave., Glendive, MT 59330.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silha](http://www.silha)

funeralhome.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana  
221 N. Meade Avenue  
P.O. Box 848  
Glendive, MT 59330  
(406) 377-2622  
silha@midrivers.com  
<https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com>

## Visitation

JUL 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
401 Riverview Avenue  
Glendive, MT 59330

## Family & Friends Service

JUL 11. 7:00 PM (MT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
401 Riverview Avenue  
Glendive, MT 59330

## Service

JUL 12. 10:00 AM (MT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
401 Riverview Avenue  
Glendive, MT 59330

## Interment with military honors

JUL 12 (MT)

Dawson Memorial Cemetery  
2816 West Towne Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall



“ Arnold "Arnie" Ames

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ In Life and Death 🌟



Desta - February 17, 2018 at 12:15 PM



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Desta - February 16, 2018 at 01:41 AM

DD

“*Arnie Ames has been a friend to me when I come to the ELCA. I do have the right to practice my faith in Jesus, the ELCA, and the Lutheran World Federation with being baptized into the death and resurrection to Jesus until eternal life. I do support his service in the U. S. Army which should be done when respecting the U. S. flag on his casket because I have religious freedom which can never be taken away. I am sorry for his loss. So does the members of the church and his family. I will light candle when I return to Peace Lutheran in Billings, MT where I will stay. Rest in peace my friend and God bless.*

*Sincerely,*

*David W. Damm  
Billings, MT*

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David W. Damm - August 05, 2017 at 12:09 PM

CP

“*My name is Carla. I met Arnie in Bakersfield, he was a kind man, with a beautiful heart for people. He helped me get through some tough times. He was an awesome friend that could be trusted and was there for you if you needed anything. He had a way of making people laugh and especially when he would tell all his stories. I'm saddened because he was just a wonderful person, but I guess God needed him more. I remember he was so proud of Jacob and loved him with all his heart and would given the world for him. I will miss Arnie, and so many others will also. He was a brave soldier, wonderful father, and most of all a faithful friend. My condolences to Jacob and the Ames family. My prayers and thoughts are with you...*



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Carla Prieto - July 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Penny Maes lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames



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**Penny Maes** - July 14, 2017 at 11:53 PM



“ Omg I'm so crushed ! I fell head over hills in love with arnie ames when he was in Boise I was just 21yrs old and we were sweethearts until he left I was heart broken . Then the years went by and lost touch and 2014 he found me on Facebook and we continued a relationship as if we were never apart and I fell in love with him all over again . then we broke it off but always hoped we would find away back to each other . he was gorgeous funny and crazy competitive lol I will miss him soooooo much my heart is soooooo broken I can't believe he's gone I talked to him a few months back he had me believing we would try again . Omg Rip my friend now your with your mom and Dad whom you loved and missed so much . I have many many memories of arnie but I will just keep and cherrish the rest . I love you my friend and you will greatly be missed . RIP with all the angles in heaven .Penny maes in Boise Idaho

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**Penny Maes** - July 14, 2017 at 10:29 PM

DG

“ Arne will be missed at church and at the fair booth we enjoyed working with him.  
Dan and Nancy Gerike



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**Daniel and Nancy Gerike** - July 14, 2017 at 07:51 PM

DB

“ Deanna Boles lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames



Deanna Boles - July 14, 2017 at 08:42 AM

EK

“ Erlene And DENNIS Kuntz lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames



Erlene and DENNIS Kuntz - July 13, 2017 at 09:24 PM

DB

“ Denise (Ballentine) Borotrager lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames



Denise (Ballentine) Borotrager - July 12, 2017 at 10:55 PM

SH

“ Suzy Haggerty lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames



Suzy Haggerty - July 11, 2017 at 10:42 PM



“ Cheryl's Classic Bakery Tower was purchased for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Ames.



July 11, 2017 at 07:50 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Arnie's family. I have known Arnie for as long as I can remember, from when I was a kid and he was one to look up to that always had a minute for us punks. He always had a smile and kind words for all. I will miss chatting Vettes and motorcycles with him.  
He will be missed by all.  
God Bless,  
The Appels

Todd Appel - July 11, 2017 at 01:24 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Ames.



July 11, 2017 at 10:49 AM



“ John, JJ and Tana, Kristy and Kirk purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Ames.



John, JJ and Tana, Kristy and Kirk - July 11, 2017 at 09:43 AM

PR

“ My heart breaks. Will miss his routine visits, smile and kind spirit. Such a dedicated man to family and his Faith. Much love your way through this difficult time. What a loss.



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**Patti Robison** - July 11, 2017 at 09:38 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Ames.



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July 10, 2017 at 07:19 PM

TG

“ Tracey Hughes Gatlin lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames



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**Tracey Hughes Gatlin** - July 10, 2017 at 03:11 PM

DN

“ LaNette, want you to know you & your family are in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss 😞 Diane Nelson

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**Diane Nelson** - July 10, 2017 at 12:36 PM



“ *With Distinction* was purchased for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Ames.



July 10, 2017 at 11:12 AM



“ *Pam Lewis lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames*



**Pam Lewis** - July 09, 2017 at 07:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Ames.



July 09, 2017 at 02:06 PM



“ *Karen Schock lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames*



**Karen Schock** - July 08, 2017 at 09:52 PM

KR

“ Dan and I knew Arnie when we were all young and crazy. We used to sit together at the Jordan Blue Room when the great local bands would play there on weekends. He was fun to be with and I will always have fond memories of him. The things our children don't know about us, right!?”

Kris Ruddy - July 08, 2017 at 09:06 PM

SG

“ When Arnie got the AGR training position he enters my circle of confidant above all others he would listen and help keep me on task those in the unit few knew what was going on he wasn't a subordinate to me he was my brother and I love him as a brother my only failure is I didn't ever get the chance to tell Him that. I have known hundreds of soldiers he was the best. love you Hero. top

Steve Grant - July 08, 2017 at 08:43 PM

GS

“ You are all in my prayers.



Gayle Sharbono - July 08, 2017 at 04:46 PM

MT

“ Marlene Taylor lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames



Marlene Taylor - July 08, 2017 at 02:27 PM

NS

“ Norma Shearer lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames



norma shearer - July 08, 2017 at 01:24 PM

WR

RIP my Brother.

william rooks - July 09, 2017 at 11:25 AM

MH

“ A whole lot of people are holding you in our hearts and prayers right now. Arnie was such a gift to this world. May his smile and grace continue in eternity.

Mike and Connie Hilger - July 08, 2017 at 12:32 PM

 Kendal Dickson

“ Kendal Dickson lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames



Kendal Dickson - July 08, 2017 at 11:11 AM

TD

“ Lynette and family~ I am sorry for your loss of Arnie. Cherish your memories as you will always have them. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Tammy Dey - July 08, 2017 at 09:30 AM

AG

“ *Arlene Gieser sent a virtual gift in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames*



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**Arlene Gieser** - July 08, 2017 at 08:59 AM

AS

“ *To Arnie Ames Family:  
We are deeply saddened that Arnie is no longer with us. Whenever I needed something he was there. He would always check on my aunt and I to make sure we were doing ok. It is going to seem strange not hearing one of his bike going through the court checking on things. His smile as he passed will forever be remembered. We are so sorry for your loss. Arnie will be deeply missed . He is either riding his bike upstairs or he is helping god do some carpentry work as well as yard work. Rest in peace Arnie you take care of things in that bigblue sky an the rest of us will ttake care of things down here. Ames family you have our heart felt deepest sympathy for the loss of Arnie. REST IN PEACE*

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**Arlene Gieser/Betty Sattler** - July 08, 2017 at 08:58 AM

MK

“ *LyNette, I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.  
Margie Kelley*

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**Margie Kelley** - July 07, 2017 at 06:47 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Ames.*



July 07, 2017 at 02:34 PM



“ *We will always remember Arnie's wonderful smile and how genuine he was. He was your friend no matter your background or age. Such a loving and caring gentleman, he had such a zest for life and an amazing love for his family. He touched the lives of so many and we will miss him. I tried talking him out of his Camaro and he just laughed, I asked if that was a yes laugh or a no laugh, I don't have the car so it was a no. Arnie will remain in our hearts forever! Prayers for all of the family and friends!*

**Brenda Ray** - July 07, 2017 at 01:49 PM



“ *Barry And Debbie Wetzel lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames*



**Barry and Debbie Wetzel** - July 07, 2017 at 01:33 PM

KB

“ *Kalil & Bonnie Barkie lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames*



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**kalil & bonnie barkie** - July 07, 2017 at 11:38 AM

MS

“ *I knew Arnie years ago but hadn't seen him until about a month ago. Several of us rode to Baker, Miles City, Terry and back to Glendive, what a great time I had. Arnie made that trip a very memorable and fun time. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with his family. RIP Arnie Mel Sampson*



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**Mel Sampson** - July 07, 2017 at 11:05 AM

EZ

“ *Ed And Dawn Zinke lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames*



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**ed and dawn zinke** - July 07, 2017 at 10:41 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Ames.*



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July 07, 2017 at 10:16 AM

JF

“ Jerry & Sheila Fevold lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames



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**Jerry & Sheila Fevold** - July 07, 2017 at 09:52 AM

LT

“ Les And Gina Tipton lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames



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**Les and Gina Tipton** - July 07, 2017 at 09:41 AM

MD

“ Arnie always had a big smile that I will miss. I always ask myself how come the good men go first? A question I'll ask god when it's my turn. my only answer to be able to keep my faith is that he needs great angels. My prayers and thoughts go out to his family. A song that will make you cry and think and maybe give you some peace of mind. Jealous of the Angles by Donna Taggart. So sorry for your loss Michael Dobson Reno Nevada



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**michael dobson** - July 07, 2017 at 08:06 AM

TO

“ *The Staff at IBEW Local 292 Benefit Office purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Ames.*



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**The Staff at IBEW Local 292 Benefit Office** - July 07, 2017 at 08:03 AM

LP

“ *LuAnn Price lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames*



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**LuAnn Price** - July 07, 2017 at 06:43 AM

LG

“ *Many years ago I went to school with Arnie at Eastern Montana College. We were in a small dormitory for non-traditional students, about thirty of us. Arnie and I became good friends that year. We had a lot of fun times and a lot of laughs. I hadn't seen him for thirty years until last fall when my daughter and I traveled to Medora with Rosana and her daughter. We met Arnie and his sister for breakfast and visiting. He hadn't changed a bit...still kept us all laughing. What a fun memory of a great person.*

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**Lisa Gaskill** - July 06, 2017 at 11:19 PM

LI

“ *LisaGaskill lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames*



**LisaGaskill** - July 06, 2017 at 11:14 PM

 Jeanne Loberg

“ *Jeanne Loberg lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames*



**Jeanne Loberg** - July 06, 2017 at 09:01 PM

SB

“ *Stephen Wayne Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames*



**Stephen Wayne Blackburn** - July 06, 2017 at 08:56 PM

GK

“ *Gerhard Kron lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames*



**Gerhard Kron** - July 06, 2017 at 08:47 PM

VC

“ Vickie Crane lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames



vickie crane - July 06, 2017 at 07:51 PM

MH

“ Marvin And Sue Howe lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames



marvin and sue howe - July 06, 2017 at 07:39 PM

DS

“ Dick Sadorf lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames



Dick sadorf - July 06, 2017 at 07:19 PM

MM

“ We are so sorry for your tragic loss. We have enjoyed knowing him since his return to Glendive. Prayers for all of Arnie's family.

Marla and John McCormick - July 06, 2017 at 06:58 PM

JK

“ *Jesse And Tiena Kinsey lit a candle in memory of Arnold "Arnie" Ames*



Jesse and Tiena Kinsey - July 06, 2017 at 06:41 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Ames.*



July 06, 2017 at 06:00 PM

LM

“ *leslie micheletto purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Ames.*



leslie micheletto - July 06, 2017 at 05:16 PM

CD

“ *Arnie had such zeal for life! Had a chance to ride with him earlier this summer and was amazed by his incredible generosity and silliness. Throughout the past year, I had many opportunities to visit with him and always left feeling greatly amused. I will miss that guy but will cherish the happy memories of his always-present smile. My best to all of the family as you walk through this very tough time.*

Carole J. Diede - July 06, 2017 at 05:09 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arnold "Arnie" Ames.*



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July 06, 2017 at 04:56 PM



“ *I have only known Arnie for a few short years but I must say he was one of the most likeable people I had ever met. His constant smile, great attitude and friendship will certainly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Arnies family. Rest in Peace my friend*

*Scott Mills*

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**Scott Mills** - July 06, 2017 at 04:50 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for the loss of Arnie. Trust me when I say, he will truly be missed by so very many people. God bless all of you.*

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**Melissa Powell Kwasney** - July 06, 2017 at 03:22 PM



“ *One of the things I admired most in Arnie was that he treated everyone, regardless of age, race, or station in life, with respect. Every person was equal in his eyes, a lesson for all us. He will be greatly missed by everyone fortunate to have known him. I am proud to have been his friend.*

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**David Galusha** - July 06, 2017 at 01:53 PM