



Christ Diegel

May 2, 1922 - December 11, 2016

Christ (Sonny) Diegel, age 94, of Glendive passed away on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility surrounded by his family. Visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Thursday, December 15, 2016 at Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A prayer service will follow at 7:00 P.M. Thursday, December 15, 2016 at Silha Funeral Home.. Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Friday, December 16, 2016 at Our Savior Lutheran Church with Pastor Greg Lucido officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with arrangements.

Sonny was born on May 2, 1922 in Lowry, SD the son of Christian and Maria Anna (Troester) Diegel, the youngest of 9 children. The family moved to Montana in 1929 when Sonny was 7 and settled in the Cracker Box area. He attended the Kinsey School on Whoopup Creek in Dawson County. Sonny married Betty Hansen on June 1, 1947 in Glendive. They ranched and farmed southwest of Glendive on the Buffalo Rapids Irrigation project until 1991 when he retired and moved to town. Sonny raised Charolais and Angus cattle along with milk cows, sheep, chickens, pigs, turkeys, ducks and geese. His grain crops consisted of wheat, barley, flax, safflower, alfalfa and corn.

Sonny was a 4-H leader, served on the ASCS Committee, the Buffalo Rapids Board, the Farmers Union Co-Op Board and was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, the Dawson 100 Club, and the Moose Lodge. He was a

very hard worker and helped build the grandstands at the fairgrounds. He was a very kind caring man and loved to spend time with his family, especially at his cabin at Fort Peck Lake where he caught some pretty nice fish. He also enjoyed being warm and would soak up the sun sitting in Sherry's solarium on many a Sunday afternoon. He would look forward to the annual trip to AZ in February, to visit his son, Don and family where he could sit in the sun for hours.

Sonny was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife Betty of 57 years; eight siblings, Anna Diegel, Walter Diegel, Cecelia Flemmer, Ella Flemmer, Erna Schwartz, Rudy Diegel, Mary Matischeck Zimbleman and Gust Diegel; one grandson; and six great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his three sons, Terry and his wife Connie of Glendive, Don and his wife Patty of Scottsdale, AZ, and Thad and his wife Tina of Glendive; three daughters, Sherry Corneliusen and her husband Arvid of Glendive, Penny Zimmerman and her husband Don of Glendive, and Tammy Schmidt and her husband Gary of Keller, Texas. Sisters in law Patty Hansen, Lois Hansen and Karen Deaton and her husband Vern all of Glendive; along with numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

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

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Visitation

DEC 15. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
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Glendive, MT 59330

Prayer Service

DEC 15. 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Service

DEC **16**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Savior Lutheran Church
322 North River Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Christ Diegel*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in fond memories, and The Almighty God's promise in the Bible, to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth*

Greene Family - December 25, 2016 at 08:52 PM



“ *My deepest condolences for the loss of your father. I always knew him and will remember him as a kind person. May the many memories and the love he gave you bring you peace during this difficult time.*



Judy Broeder - December 19, 2016 at 07:32 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Christ Diegel.*



December 16, 2016 at 11:20 AM

MA

“ To the family of Sonny,
Know that you are in our thoughts and
prayers during this difficult time. Cherish your
memories and know that he will always be
with you in spirit. We donated money to the
Dawson County Fairgrounds in his memory. Sorry for your loss,
The Asche's
Rodney, Marta, Devyn, and Jarod



Marta Asche - December 15, 2016 at 06:04 PM

SW

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.
Sherry and Penny, you did such a good job of
making sure your Dad was happy and
comfortable. He was such a lucky man to
have raised such a good family. I know you
will miss him but God needed another angel....
Hugs..



Sharon Wetsch - December 15, 2016 at 11:26 AM

BT

“ To Sonny's family... your Dad, Grandpa, was an amazing man, A true
family man will be missed by many. **CHERISH** your memories and
hold them close, they will
L help you get through the difficult days ahead.. Thank you for
sharing him with the rest of us...
GOD Bless!!
Becky (Chouinard) Tipton

Becky Tipton - December 14, 2016 at 10:07 PM

BA

“ Thinking of you. Sounds like a great man. I can see you are his daughter tammy.

Barb - December 14, 2016 at 06:53 PM

NK

“ Your family is in my thoughts!

Nancy Korb - December 14, 2016 at 06:40 PM

TR

“ Grandpa was such an example to all of us of how to live and love. Thanks for always including all of us as part of your family. We will miss him too!
Tom & Kathy Ree

Tom & Kathy Ree - December 14, 2016 at 06:29 PM

BE

“ Bob & Dar Erickson lit a candle in memory of Christ Diegel



Bob & Dar Erickson - December 14, 2016 at 03:14 PM

BD

What wonderful memories we have of spending time with Uncle Sonny & Aunt Betty! We had some great times & will keep him forever in our hearts!! Prayers to all of his family!! He will be missed!!

Bob & Dar - December 14, 2016 at 03:17 PM

VE

The family is in our thoughts and prayers. Hope all the good memories will help you at this time and in the days ahead.

Vern and Eileen Entzel - December 15, 2016 at 06:56 PM

AL

“ *Allen & Carol Lachenmaier lit a candle in memory of Christ Diegel*



Allen & Carol Lachenmaier - December 14, 2016 at 02:50 PM

RS

“ *Love you Grandpa!*



Rena Sailer - December 13, 2016 at 09:44 PM

MM

“ *Prayers and sympathy to all of Sonny's family. You are all a great tribute to this man.*

John and Marla McCormick

Marla McCormick - December 13, 2016 at 09:04 PM

MA

“ My sincere condolences to the Diegels, Zimmermans, and extended families. Sonny was a kind, funny man and I was honored to see him during his sunny Arizona visits. What a life well lived! Hugs to all, ML

Mary Lou Ayre - December 13, 2016 at 07:39 PM

MD

“ I will always remember going to Sonny and Betty's for the annual branding. Spending the day with lots of family and friends very thankful for being part of the extended family. Mark Doll and family thoughts and prayers for the family.

Mark Doll - December 13, 2016 at 07:03 PM

BJ

“ Bob & Dixie Justice lit a candle in memory of Christ Diegel



Bob & Dixie Justice - December 13, 2016 at 06:58 PM

JO

“ Thoughts and prayers to all the family. May all the sweet memories help you through this sad time and be forever in your hearts. Love, Mark and Joanne Makelky



joanne - December 13, 2016 at 06:44 PM

DV

“ I was so very sorry to hear about uncle Sonny 😞 He was truly a great and kind man. I have so many fantastic memories of being out at uncle Sonny and aunt Betty's farm growing up. He will be missed.
Deena (Dukart) Verworn and family

Deena Verworn - December 13, 2016 at 05:44 PM

 Cathy Kirkpatrick

“ Our thoughts and prayers for God's peace to be with you all. Love,
Cathy and Gary

Cathy Kirkpatrick - December 13, 2016 at 05:20 PM

SF

“ Tony and I send our sincerest condolences to your family. I didn't know Betty and Sonny but I have heard wonderful stories about them. Knowing how wonderful the family is I know they are that way because they had wonderful parents. He will be missed greatly but he left his imprints behind. Our hugs and love to all and prayers for strength and peace during this holiday.

sharon finneman - December 13, 2016 at 04:37 PM

CB

“ What a gentle sweet loving guy our Uncle Sonny was. Sharp as a tack right to the end. He never forgot anything. I got some dill from him one time and I asked what I owed him and he said pickles. Well I was a little slow in getting them to him and he reminded me every time I saw him that I still owed him those pickles so I took pickles to the nursing home so he could eat them with his meals. We so laughed about that. You taught us a lot and we all have many fond memories of being on the farm. Rip Uncle. You earned your wings.

Cindi and Dennis Byron - December 13, 2016 at 03:13 PM

AH

“ *Andy Huschka sent a virtual gift in memory of Christ Diegel*



Andy Huschka - December 13, 2016 at 02:00 PM

AW

“ *Amby And John Wilfong lit a candle in memory of Christ Diegel*



Amby and John Wilfong - December 13, 2016 at 01:58 PM

AW

“ *Amby, John, Travis And Alaena Wilfong lit a candle in memory of Christ Diegel*



Amby, John, Travis and Alaena Wilfong - December 13, 2016 at 01:57 PM

AA

“ *To lose our parents is to lose a piece of ourselves. My prayers for God's peace and strength be with you in the days ahead but especially over the Christmas holidays when the memories are more present. You will always miss your folks, but with a smile in your heart. Peace and prayers, Avis Anderson*

Avis Anderson - December 13, 2016 at 01:15 PM

MK

“ We are so sorry about the loss of your dad. I remember him asking for chocolate milk at the pancake supper one year! What a nice, sweet man! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Curt, Melissa and Kane Knudson

Melissa Knudson - December 13, 2016 at 12:00 PM

LK

Our thoughts and prayers are with Penny and Don and all of Christ's family!! I will miss all of the stories of the fun times at Fort Peck!!

Lyle & Maridel Kassner - December 16, 2016 at 03:01 PM

TB

“ Travis And Julie Borst lit a candle in memory of Christ Diegel



Travis and Julie Borst - December 13, 2016 at 10:08 AM

KF

“ Kelly Hubbert Family lit a candle in memory of Christ Diegel



Kelly Hubbert Family - December 13, 2016 at 09:23 AM

KF

“ Kelly, Dulcy & Family lit a candle in memory of Christ Diegel



Kelly, Dulcy & Family - December 13, 2016 at 09:17 AM

VD

“ Vern& Karen Deaton lit a candle in memory of Christ Diegel



Vern& Karen Deaton - December 13, 2016 at 08:03 AM

KN

“ Kelly Nicholas sent a virtual gift in memory of Christ Diegel



Kelly Nicholas - December 13, 2016 at 07:38 AM

KN

Thinking of you all during this difficult time and sending the whole family hugs. Sonny was a beautiful soul someone we all have many fond memories of. Hold on to those memories as you celebrate his life this week. God just gained another angel and the stars shine a bit brighter as he smiles down on all of you.

Kelly Nicholas - December 13, 2016 at 07:52 AM

LM

“ *Loretta McDanold Miller lit a candle in memory of Christ Diegel*



Loretta McDanold Miller - December 13, 2016 at 06:13 AM

LM

“ *Gene and I send our condolences to the Diegel family. We will keep you in our prayers. Sincerely, Gene & Leslie Micheletto*



Leslie Micheletto - December 12, 2016 at 08:04 PM

VD

“ *When I was back in June I went up to visit Uncle Sonny and when I walked into the room he seen me. I walked up to him, took his hand, said Hi and asked if he knew who I was? He said with a; are you kidding me look on his face "Yes your Valerie". I did feel stupid for asking but I hadn't seen him in awhile so I wasn't sure if he would remember me. They got one of the best when they got him! Hugs to all.*

Valerie Dekker - December 12, 2016 at 05:45 PM

VD

“ *Valerie Dekker lit a candle in memory of Christ Diegel*



Valerie Dekker - December 12, 2016 at 05:38 PM