



Darrell Vashus

January 6, 1954 - October 28, 2025

Darrell Vashus — devoted husband, proud father and grandfather, uncle, loyal friend, and man who could fix just about anything — passed away suddenly on October 28, 2025.

Darrell was the youngest of three sons, born to parents Lawrence and Bernice Vashus on January 6, 1954. Born and raised in Glendive, he carried his small-town roots proudly, along with the values that shaped him: work hard, be honest, and treat everyone with kindness (and maybe offer them a Bacardi diet or a cold beer while you're at it).

Darrell was married to the love of his life, Jan, for nearly 48 wonderful years. Together, they were a force — building homes, running businesses, and creating a life full of laughter, adventure, and unconditional love. Their door was always open, and their home was always filled with people, conversation, and a mini poodle or two (they never met one they didn't adore).

Darrell had a knack for making everyone feel welcome — whether you were a lifelong friend or someone he'd just met. He loved a good joke (and didn't mind being on the receiving end), a friendly competition, and the kind of laughter that comes easy when you're among friends.

He was a hardworking plumber who took pride in doing things right — a

craftsman who believed that effort and honesty were the heart of any good day's work. After running his own business, he continued his trade with the State of Montana and later a commercial plumbing company, earning the respect of coworkers and customers alike.

When he wasn't working, Darrell was all about enjoying life: brewing his own beer, playing a round of golf, watching a good movie, cribbage (or any version of game night), and cheering on his grandsons from the sidelines. Darrell met life with open arms and an open mind, always ready to try something new and share it with others.

Darrell is survived by his children, Kyle (Kari) Vashus (and their sons Alex and Ethan), Jill (Lucas) Sanchez (and their sons Mason and Max), and brother Doug (Kayrene) Vashus, and several nieces. He is preceded in death by his loving wife Jan and parents Lawrence and Bernice. He leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and the kind of hospitality that made everyone feel like family.

An informal gathering of friends and family will take place at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, November 13, 2025, at the Beer Jug in Glendive. A celebration of Darrell's life will be held in Glendive, Montana, on Friday, November 14, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Silha Funeral Homes. Family and friends are invited to share stories, raise a glass, and honor a man who made life brighter for everyone around him.

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

Cemetery Details

Dawson County Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 6:00 PM (MT)

Beer Jug
313 N Merrill Ave
Glendive, MT 59330

Celebration of Life

NOV 14. 2:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Gathering

NOV 14. 3:30 PM (MT)

Pin High Sports Bar
1316 W Towne St
Glendive, MT 59330
<https://www.pinhighsbc.com/>

Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Dave Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus*



Dave Reynolds - November 19, 2025 at 09:14 PM

CG

“ *Darrell was a great State plumbing inspector ,had a great smile and laugh. he was missed when he quit the state but will always remember his kindness and fairness he treated all with help when needed. Clayton Greer (4 seasons P&H)*

Clayton Greer - November 19, 2025 at 08:17 AM

TK

“ *Darrell and I were friends since Junior High and through HS..Class of '72, our Birthdays are 3 days apart so in January we both went together and signed up for the Draft. We were fortunate to receive High #'s lol..Rest Easy, may your Light always shine Bright!!..Cya on the other Side!*



Terry and Deb K4 - November 14, 2025 at 03:02 PM

T)

“ *Tim & Jim Regan (REGAN Plumbing) purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Darrell Vashus.*



Tim & Jim Regan (REGAN Plumbing) - November 13, 2025 at 02:29 PM

LP

“ *1 file added to the album Darrell and Jan*



Lisa Pursley - November 11, 2025 at 02:56 PM

NM

“ *Nick Morasko lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus*



Nick Morasko - November 11, 2025 at 02:38 PM

LP

“ *To my friend...I will miss you dearly!!! My husband and I send our thoughts, prayers, and deepest condolences to your family.*



Lisa & Ray Pursley - November 11, 2025 at 02:25 PM

DL

“ *Dina Learned lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus*



Dina Learned - November 11, 2025 at 02:14 PM

DR

“ *Darrell and I became friends a bit later in our lives but it came easily. I wish it had begun earlier and had lasted much longer. But I feel honored to have called him friend. The obituary was so beautifully written and described Darrell exactly as I came to know him and I'm certain others saw him in the same warm light. Darrell was such a good and reliable person He and Jan were a model of respectful and loving relationship. They will be missed deeply but Nancy and I know the desert will bloom again for his family and their wonderful memories will eventually bring peace.*

Dave Rigg

Dave Rigg - November 11, 2025 at 11:15 AM

BP

“ *Kyle and Kari,
We are so very sorry for the loss of your Dad.
Please know that we are sending prayers and Hugs to you.
Bill and Annette Pederson Family*

Bill and Annette Pederson - November 04, 2025 at 10:06 PM

MP

“ While I knew Darrell mostly when I was child, there are still warm memories of he and his family in my heart. Even though Darrell and his brothers were older, I spent a little bit of time at the Vashus house, just up the street from ours in Forest Park. My mother would make my brother Larry take me along from time to time when visiting the Vashus clan. I remember going in the basement, watching as the boys played board games, etc. While I'm sure Larry and the others weren't always thrilled with having a little tag-along, Darrell and his brothers never let on if they were annoyed. I felt welcome and part of the gang, despite the age difference. I know Darrell had a large part in making me feel that way. I am deeply saddened by this news, but I am uplifted by the kindness that Darrell and the Vashus family showed me once upon a time. Mike Powers

Mike Powers - November 04, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ Linda Purvis lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus



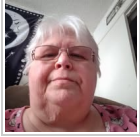
Linda Purvis - November 03, 2025 at 06:10 PM

DJ

“ Prayers and blessings to Darrell's family.



Delores Jacobs - November 02, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ *Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus*



Denise Stoddart - November 02, 2025 at 12:25 AM

ST

“ *Thinking of the Vashus family at this time.*



Stacey - November 01, 2025 at 11:19 PM

RR

“ *Our “Mister Congeniality” will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Richard Rime*

Richard Rime - November 01, 2025 at 11:03 PM

RB

“ *Rick And Karen Berg lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus*



Rick and Karen Berg - November 01, 2025 at 07:44 PM

JS

“ Jim & Pam Sundsted lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus



Jim & Pam Sundsted - November 01, 2025 at 01:13 PM

PM

“ Patti (Winhofer) Metz sent a virtual gift in memory of Darrell Vashus



Patti (Winhofer) Metz - November 01, 2025 at 12:26 PM

DV

“ Deb And Pete Vogel lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus



Deb and Pete Vogel - November 01, 2025 at 12:12 AM

JB

“ Jim And Alice Bachmeier lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus



Jim and Alice bachmeier - October 31, 2025 at 11:55 PM

MR

“ *Mike Roe*

Mike Roe - October 31, 2025 at 10:30 PM

TM

“ *Toni Morasko lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus*



Toni Morasko - October 31, 2025 at 01:10 PM

MH

“ *Mike & Nancy Hedge lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus*



Mike & Nancy Hedge - October 31, 2025 at 12:38 PM

NH

“ *Nita Haugan lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus*



Nita Haugan - October 31, 2025 at 12:38 PM

LJ

“ Love, Greg, Debbie, Beth, and James purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Darrell Vashus.



Love, Greg, Debbie, Beth, and James - October 31, 2025 at 12:45 AM

NS

“ Noren and Karen Shanley lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus



Noren and Karen Shanley - October 31, 2025 at 12:12 AM

RA

“ Rolly & Barb Anvik lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus



Rolly & Barb Anvik - October 30, 2025 at 09:24 PM

HS

“ Helen (Bjerkreim) Schmitz lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus



Helen (Bjerkreim) Schmitz - October 30, 2025 at 09:08 PM

PL

“ Pam Lewis lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus



Pam Lewis - October 30, 2025 at 06:43 PM

CP

“ Condolences to Darrell's family & friends. Cherish the many fine times together.

Cherise Patterson - October 30, 2025 at 05:55 PM

DZ

“ Our sincere condolences to Darrel's family. Praying for strength and peace in the upcoming difficult days.



Don and Penny Zimmerman - October 30, 2025 at 04:47 PM

MW

“ Mark and Sheryl Walsh lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus



Mark and Sheryl Walsh - October 30, 2025 at 04:16 PM

WM

“ *Walter McKeen lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus*



Walter McKeen - October 30, 2025 at 04:16 PM

DD

“ *Dan and Donna Dobson lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus*



Dan and Donna Dobson - October 30, 2025 at 01:10 PM

VK

“ *Val Kuntz lit a candle in memory of Darrell Vashus*



Val Kuntz - October 30, 2025 at 01:03 PM