



## Darvin L. Nelson

December 28, 1934 - September 20, 2019

Darvin L. Nelson, age 84, of Wibaux, Montana, passed away at Sanford Health in Bismarck, North Dakota, on Friday, September 20, 2019 due to injuries he suffered in a pickup accident on the way home from fishing. Memorial services will be held at 4:00 P.M., Sunday, September 29, 2019 at the Silha Funeral Home in Wibaux, Montana with Pastor Rick Varnum officiating. Interment will follow in the Wibaux Cemetery with a supper at the Wibaux Fairgrounds Community Room to follow. Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Darvin was born to Merton and Minnie (VanHeel) Nelson on December 28, 1934 in Roberts County, South Dakota. Darvin lived with his Uncle Joe and Aunt Mabel Landmark and attended school in Sisseton, South Dakota. In 1950, he moved to Bainville, Montana where he worked on the Oscar Olson Ranch. After that, he worked in the ranching and construction industries and was a veteran of the Army.

In 1961, he married Diane Drake from Wibaux, Montana, where they made their home and raised their daughters until his death. He and Diane shared 58 years of marriage.

In Darvin's younger days, he competed in rodeo and he was a lifelong fan. Darvin enjoyed hunting and fishing with people of all ages. He went to the Co-Op every morning for years where he and his friends attempted to solve world problems. Darvin also gardened and baked muffins to share with others.

Darvin is survived by his wife, Diane; his two daughters: Darla (Randy)

Torgerson of Bismarck, North Dakota, and Deanne (Larry) Smith of Glendive, Montana; his two grandsons: Derek (Ashley) Torgerson, and Roy Torgerson both of Mandan, North Dakota; his one great-grandchild due in December; his two half-sisters: Sandra (Duane) Batie of Sisseton, South Dakota, and Sharon (Gary) Nielsen of Peever, South Dakota; his sister-in-law Annette Schmaus of Sisseton, South Dakota; his special cousin Twila (Harry Sr.) Moshier of Sisseton, South Dakota; his numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews.

Darvin is preceded in death by his parents Merton and Minnie Nelson; his special Uncle Joe and Aunt Mabel Landmark; his brother Gary Nelson and Gary's wife Cathy; his brother Harlan Nelson; his half-brother Gene Schmaus. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Wibaux Cemetery

Wibaux, MT 59353

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **29**. 4:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Wibaux, Montana  
204 South Wibaux Street  
Wibaux, MT 59353  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Darvin L. Nelson*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *LaNette Simonton lit a candle in memory of Darvin L. Nelson*



**LaNette Simonton** - October 07, 2019 at 07:30 PM



*Thank you, LANette*

**Diane Nelson** - October 12, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Darvin L. Nelson.*



September 27, 2019 at 02:00 PM

TS

“ *Diane, Darla, Deanne, Randy, Larry, Derek, Roy, Ashley, and family of Darvin Nelson, please know that we are feeling the pain of your loss and hope you know we are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. It is extremely hard to lose a man that has been so special in your life! Darvin has been a part of my life for my whole life and I have many memories of time spent at his home while we came to stay for visits and holidays. He was always quiet, but we ALL knew when he meant business! :) Love to you all, Terri & Family*

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**Terri Drake Stoltz** - September 26, 2019 at 12:33 PM

MM

“ *Darvin, man of few words, a man of quick wit, a friend to ride the river with, husband, dad, friend. Words can never say what our hearts and minds know of this honorable man. God grant peace to Diane and their families. We send our love and prayers for you and yours. Tom and Marvel*

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**Marvel Mckerlick** - September 25, 2019 at 09:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darvin L. Nelson.*



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September 25, 2019 at 08:26 PM

DS

“ *Dick Sadorf lit a candle in memory of Darvin L. Nelson*



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**Dick Sadorf** - September 24, 2019 at 09:10 PM

DN

*Thank you*

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**Diane Nelson** - October 12, 2019 at 02:38 PM

ME

“ *Melvin purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Darvin L. Nelson.*



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**Melvin** - September 24, 2019 at 06:58 PM

DS

“ *Dick Sadorf lit a candle in memory of Darvin L. Nelson*



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**Dick Sadorf** - September 24, 2019 at 03:54 PM

LK

“ Love, Annette; Dewain & Andrea; Dale & Kristi purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Darvin L. Nelson.



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**Love, Annette; Dewain & Andrea; Dale & Kristi** - September 24, 2019 at 11:20 AM

GT

“ Gary & Sharon; Duane & Sandy; Harry & Twila purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Darvin L. Nelson.



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**Gary & Sharon; Duane & Sandy; Harry & Twila** - September 24, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darvin L. Nelson.



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September 24, 2019 at 09:26 AM

CV

“ I’ve finished life’s chores assigned to me,  
So put me on a boat headed out to sea.  
Please send along my fishing pole  
For I’ve been invited to the fishin’ hole.  
Where every day is a day to fish,  
To fill your heart with every wish.  
Don’t worry, or feel sad for me,  
I’m fishin’ with the Master of the sea.  
We will miss each other for awhile,  
But you will come and bring your smile.  
That won’t be long you will see,  
Till we’re together you and me.  
To all of those that think of me,  
Be happy as I go out to sea.  
If others wonder why I’m missin’  
Just tell ’em I’ve gone fishin’

*By Dalmar Pepper*

*Dear Diane, Darla (Digger), Deanne (Dodie) and Family,*

*You have my sincere condolences on the passing of Darwin. May God bless you and keep you in His loving arms during this difficult time.*

*Love and prayers,*

*Craig Vogel*

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**Craig Vogel** - September 24, 2019 at 04:42 AM

DN

*Thank you, Craig - hugs 💕💕*

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**Diane Nelson** - October 12, 2019 at 02:39 PM

DS

“ Donna Stanfill sent a virtual gift in memory of Darvin L. Nelson



Donna Stanfill - September 23, 2019 at 09:48 PM

DN

Thank you

Diane Nelson - October 12, 2019 at 02:40 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Darvin L. Nelson.



September 23, 2019 at 08:18 PM

PF

“ Pat & Dale Feldmann lit a candle in memory of Darvin L. Nelson



Pat & Dale Feldmann - September 22, 2019 at 04:56 PM

DN

Thank you!

Diane Nelson - October 12, 2019 at 02:39 PM