



## David Theodore

June 9, 1947 - January 20, 2024

David John Theodore, age 76 of Glendive, Montana passed away on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care in Glendive. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at the Glendive Alliance Church with Pastor Phil Elmer and Ed Williamson officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

David was born on June 9, 1947 in Coaldale, Pennsylvania to his parents, Thomas and Dorothy (Fairclough) Theodore. He was raised and educated in Lansford, Pennsylvania where he graduated from Panther Valley High School with the class of 1965. Following high school, David attended Bethlehem Business School in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania until a medical condition forced him to quit. He moved to Allentown, Pennsylvania and worked at Bethlehem Steel until a work accident ended his career there. In 1975, David moved to Hardin, Montana where he began his career in Law Enforcement. He worked for the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) and as a fishing guide in Yellowstone National Park until he moved to Wibaux, Montana in 1980. David worked for the Wibaux County Sheriff's Department and operated a little sporting goods store and gun range on the side. He was united in marriage to Linda Stahlnecker on June 18, 1982 in Beach, North Dakota. In 1992 they moved to Glendive where David worked for the Dawson County Sheriff's Department until health forced him to retire in 1998.

David enjoyed hunting, cars, coin and gun collecting, long-range shooting

competitions, and metal detecting. He was a member of the Glendive Coin Club, Glendive Masonic Lodge, Glendive Car Club, National Rifle Association and the Wibaux Archery Club. David had a Federal Firearms License (FFL) and had been a Hunter Safety Instructor for twelve years. Most of all, David loved and cherished the time spent with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Theodore of Glendive; two sons, Patrick Vander Linden of Dilley, Texas and Jason (Shawna) Vander Linden of Casper, Wyoming; two daughters, Krystal Corneliusen of Billings, Montana and Sheila Parades of Gilbert, Pennsylvania; six grandchildren, Trenton, Madi, Izzy, Brenryn, Justin and Tyler; four great grandchildren; his sister, Deborah (Stephen) Bamford of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Glendive Alliance Church  
105 Highland Park Road  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall

MN

“ *To David's family,  
We have many great memories with Dave in Lansford,  
Pennsylvania. May he rest in peace.  
Love Matthew and Karen Nichols*

Matthew J. Nichols - January 25, 2024 at 01:25 AM

NC

“ *What a great guy and good friend. Many hours spent metal  
detecting and talking local history! Prayers for Linda and family.*

Nancy and Jim Cullinan - January 24, 2024 at 10:12 PM



“ *51 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Silha Funeral Home - January 24, 2024 at 06:19 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of David Theodore.*



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January 23, 2024 at 06:04 PM



“ *Missy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Theodore.*

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**Missy** - January 23, 2024 at 04:33 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of David Theodore.*



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“ *Linda, we are so sorry for the loss of Dave  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Larry and Noreen Turnquist** - January 23, 2024 at 01:11 PM

KS

“ Linda. We are so sorry to hear of David's passing. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers



Karen and Noren Shanley - January 22, 2024 at 01:07 PM

TD

“ Linda and family~ I'm so sorry of your loss of Dave. I enjoyed working with him and always called him Grandpa Dave in which he laughed at me. Cherish your memories! My thoughts and prayers are with you. RIP Dave!



Tammy Dey - January 22, 2024 at 11:54 AM

RF

“ Our deepest condolences Linda. We will miss him...he was such a ray of sunshine and we always felt cheered when we saw him.

Ron and Judy Frasch - January 22, 2024 at 09:26 AM

CH

“ Carol Hanson sent a virtual gift in memory of David Theodore



Carol Hanson - January 21, 2024 at 08:35 PM

AB

“ *Linda we are so sorry about Dave's passing.  
We will keep you in our prayers and thoughts.*



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**Arlene and Betty** - January 21, 2024 at 07:53 PM

DC

“ *Diane Crockett lit a candle in memory of  
David Theodore*



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**Diane Crockett** - January 21, 2024 at 05:07 PM

RF

*I had no idea that Dave passed away at the same time my brother Bill died. I say it's God's will when it's your time*

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**Richard Franks** - April 03, 2024 at 10:06 PM