



## David Welliever

May 3, 1933 - February 22, 2020

David Allen Welliever, age 86, of Wibaux, Montana, passed away on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, February 28, 2020 at the Wibaux County Fairgrounds with Reverend Roger Dieterle officiating. Interment with military honors will follow in the Wibaux Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements.

David was born on May 3, 1933 in Glendive, a son of Elmer "Hap" and Edith (Sommerfeld) Welliever. He was raised and educated in Wibaux, graduating from Wibaux County High School with the class of 1951. Shortly after his high school education, David was drafted in the United States Army where he was a part of the Operation Tea Pot which took part in atomic bomb testing in Nevada. He was honorably discharged in June of 1955 and at that time he returned home to Wibaux.

David was united in marriage to Marlene Amunrud on June 30, 1957 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wibaux, and to this union five children were born: Dean, Dale, Dona, Darci, and Davin. The family made their home on the farm north of Wibaux where David operated a dairy farm, which he proudly maintained as a Grade A operation since 1965.

When not milking cows, you could find David attending cattle auctions, rodeos, playing whist with family and friends, watching any sport on TV or just driving the loop around the farm on his way to town or to check on any hunters who might be out. He loved to listen to polka music, old time country

music and especially anything Loretta Lynn sang.

David was always a lifelong Wibaux Longhorn fan, whether it be football or basketball he could be found cheering them on. (Even when Wibaux played Plentywood in football where his grandson was on the team!) He spent numerous years as a basketball official in Wibaux as well.

David was a devoted wildlife supporter, and throughout the years had spent a fair amount of money taking care of the local wildlife. He knew where all the deer, turkeys and pheasants were along the Beaver Creek. He'd allow his grandsons to hunt first in hopes they would get the "big one" before others were let in. He had many friends through the Block Management program. David served on several boards in the community but the one he was most passionate about was the Wibaux County Fair Board. He served for 47 years and was chairman for part of those years. He would oversee events outside the fair like it was his own property making sure everything was secure when it was done. Checking the fairgrounds was usually on his list of stops when he went to town.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer "Hap" and Edith; sister, Margaret Elko; and brother-in-law, Bill Elko.

David is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marlene of Wibaux; his children, Dean (Peggy) Welliever of Billings, MT, Dale Welliever of Wibaux, Dona (Casey) Oksa of Plentywood, Montana, Darci Welliever (Brent Nelson) of Wibaux, and Davin Welliever of Wibaux; grandchildren, Kyle, Kevin, Tom, Kelci, Steven, Brady, Brenna, Bryce, Taylen, Vallie, Gavin, and Reggie; and one niece, Valerie Celaya and her family as well as his special buddy Diego. He is also survived by Marlene's siblings and spouses, and several nieces and nephews. The Travis Bakken family and the Eddie Diaz family held a special place in his heart.

The family requests memorials be made to Wibaux County 4-H, the Wibaux County Fair Board or a charity of your choice.

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

FEB **28**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Wibaux County Fairgrounds  
Wibaux, MT

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Welliever*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Danny let us know of David's passing. We are sorry for your loss. He was a lifetime friend to the Dohrmann's. We will always remember David for his service to the Wibaux agriculture community.*  
*Terry and Diane*

**Terry & Diane** - March 03, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. It was always good to see David welcoming people at the fair. He was always so kind and cheerful. God bless you all.*  
*Jan Huisman*

**Jan Huisman** - February 28, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of David Welliever.*



February 27, 2020 at 07:50 PM

SL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Marlene. I have always enjoyed visiting with Dave and will miss him when I am in Wibaux. Fair time won't be the same without his presence!*  
*Stella Petermann Lootens*

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**Stella Lootens** - February 27, 2020 at 02:17 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Welliever.*



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February 26, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Welliever.*



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February 25, 2020 at 11:21 PM

LN

“ *Laura Christoffersen & Jens Nielsen purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Welliever.*



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**Laura Christoffersen & Jens Nielsen** - February 25, 2020 at 09:21 PM

JJ

“ *Jim Johannes purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of David Welliever.*



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**Jim Johannes** - February 25, 2020 at 07:44 PM

RS

“ *Ronald, Vicki's, Tyler's and Shelly's purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of David Welliever.*



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**Ronald, Vicki's, Tyler's and Shelly's** - February 25, 2020 at 07:07 PM

AS

“ *So sorry for your loss Dona, Casey and family*

*Alan and Janelle Steinberg and family*

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**Alan and Janelle steinberg** - February 25, 2020 at 05:40 PM

PW

*So sorry for you and your family Marlene*

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**Pauline White** - February 25, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Silha Funeral Home** - February 25, 2020 at 04:51 PM

EN

“ *Eric, Cindy, Brett and Katie Nielsen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Welliever.*



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**Eric, Cindy, Brett and Katie Nielsen** - February 25, 2020 at 06:46 AM

DN

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. David will be missed by so many, especially at fair time. He worked tirelessly for many years to bring us the best little fair in eastern Montana! He was a good man & a friend you could depend on. Sending my love & prayers.*  
*Diane*

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**Diane Nelson** - February 24, 2020 at 07:26 PM

CC

“ *Connie, Chris, Courtney, Naomi and Rhiannon Curtis purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of David Welliever.*



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**Connie, Chris, Courtney, Naomi and Rhiannon Curtis** -  
February 24, 2020 at 05:35 PM

AC

“ *Alice Curtis purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of David Welliever.*



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**Alice Curtis** - February 24, 2020 at 04:52 PM

DB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are so very sorry for your loss.*



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**Dale & Alisa Boehning** - February 24, 2020 at 11:39 AM

DP

“ *Dale PatFeldmann lit a candle in memory of David Welliever*



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**Dale patFeldmann** - February 24, 2020 at 11:36 AM

GL

“ Gary And Susan Lawrence lit a candle in memory of David Welliever



Gary and Susan Lawrence - February 24, 2020 at 10:24 AM

LS

“ Linda Schuler lit a candle in memory of David Welliever



Linda Schuler - February 24, 2020 at 06:09 AM

BR

“ Bob Rogers lit a candle in memory of David Welliever



Bob Rogers - February 24, 2020 at 01:48 AM

LI

“ Linda lit a candle in memory of David Welliever



Linda - February 23, 2020 at 03:59 PM

LF

“ We are so sorry to hear of David's passing. He was a very special client when we had our office (Frank Accounting). He was kind and always listened to what advise he was given. Sure he will be missed by many. Linda & Aaron Frank



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**Linda Frank** - February 23, 2020 at 03:56 PM

LT

*David was one of the finest people any where. A fine intellect and a gentleman always.*

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**Loraine Dennis Trollope** - February 26, 2020 at 09:48 PM