



Delbert Jokela

October 17, 1933 - July 2, 2015

Delbert Duane Jokela, age 81, of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Thursday, July 2, 2015 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, July 10, 2015 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Greg Lucido officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Del was born on October 17, 1933, in Brainard, Minnesota to John Victor and Alma (Heino) Jokela. He was a second generation American, his grandparents emigrating from Finland around 1900. In May of 1942, his sister Elaine was born. Their family farmed near Pine River, Minnesota until the economy forced John to take a job with Boeing in Renton, Washington. Del Stayed in Pine River with his uncle Leo and aunt Helen Heino until he graduated from Pine River High School with the class of 1951.

Del enter the United States Army in May of 1953, serving during the Korean Conflict. He was part owner of a Standard Oil gas station in Jenkins, Minnesota and worked as an auto mechanic. Del then went to trade school to become an electrician. He worked for several different companies in Great Falls, Montana, Bremerton, Washington, and Minneapolis, Minnesota before working for BNSFRR in Mandan, North Dakota and then finally Glendive where he retired. He was a member of the IBEW Union.

Del met and later married Mary L. Slater on June 9, 1956 and to this union three children were born. Del and Mary later divorced in 1987. Mary passed away on January 17, 2005.

Del was most proud of his twenty-five plus years in Search and Rescue. He joined in 1963 and was elected National Commander from 1982 - 1983. He also served as a reserve deputy for the Cascade County Sheriff's Department. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping.

Del was a kind-hearted, soft spoken man who was always willing to help others. He was easygoing and independent, never wanting to be an imposition to anyone. He liked to laugh and often shared a joke to brighten your day.

He is survived by his son, Gary Jokela of Great Falls; daughter, Shelly (Jay) Morasko of Glendive; son, Brent Jokela of Billings, Montana; sister, Elaine Lapinoja of Pine River, Minnesota; nephew, Greg Farmer; grandchildren, Ashlie (Andy) Contreras of Billings, Tia (Jake) Senner of Bloomfield, Montana, Jaylin (Nate) Knutson of Bozeman, Montana, Vincent Morasko of Billings, Jeremiah Mannon of Billings, Kyle and Ryan Jokela of Billings; and three great-grandchildren, Elijah Contreras, Adalynn and Brynlie Knutson.

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 10. 2:00 PM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Delbert Jokela*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *I have fond memories of Delbert from the Pine River High School, class of '51. My condolences to family and friends.*
Leslie Peterson, Sartell, MN

Les Peterson - July 16, 2015 at 09:35 PM



“ *SHELLY & FAMILY, SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS.*
CHERISH ALL THE FONDEST MEMORIES

CHERISE PATTERSON - July 10, 2015 at 09:04 AM



“ *My name is Dave Strand, from Billings, Mt. I went to college for a year with Shelly, in Glendive. Shelly, you may remember me from my nickname....Pee Wee.*

My heart goes out to you all. My prayers are with you. I lost my Dad 3 and a half years ago, so I know what you are going through. May the Lord be with you all.

Dave Strand - July 09, 2015 at 11:16 AM

DC

“ I worked with Del in Mandan with the BNSF Railway, Del was a great Electrician and friend to me.
He will be missed very much, he was definitely a pleasure to be around. Will miss his warm and friendly Christmas Cards.
Rest in Peace Del.

Dennis Carpenter - July 08, 2015 at 08:08 PM

MG

“ To Dels family, so sorry for your loss. We had the pleasure of being friends with Del through Search & Rescue. He was state commander when he first came to our unit in Waterloo. He was a very dedicated S&R person and it was indeed a pleasure to know him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Friends in S & R . God Bless
Mark & June Gornick

Mark & June Gornick - July 08, 2015 at 10:25 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Delbert Jokela.



July 07, 2015 at 10:50 PM

BM

“ Shelly, my heart and prayers are with you and your family. Del was such a good man and very much loved by my daughter and his granddaughter, Ashlie. I have good memories of him. Bobbie Madigan

bobbie madigan - July 06, 2015 at 01:33 AM

DP

“ *Rest in peace Delbert. Love Doug & Renie Peterson*

doug peterson - July 05, 2015 at 01:17 PM

AN

“ *Shelly so sorry with the passing of your father. Your father was a very kind man. I know the pain of losing a loved father, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Toni*

Antonia - July 05, 2015 at 12:30 AM

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“ *Antonia lit a candle in memory of Delbert Jokela*



Antonia - July 05, 2015 at 12:26 AM