



Dennis Basta

January 28, 1936 - December 29, 2017

Dennis D. Basta, age 81 of Lindsay, Montana, passed away on Friday, December 29, 2017 at his daughter's home in Cheyenne, Wyoming with family by his side. Visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. with the family receiving friends from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Monday, January 8, 2018 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at the Evangelical Church of North America in Glendive with Pastor David Steinbron officiating. Interment with military honors will follow in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Dennis (Denny) was born January 28, 1936 in Glendive, Montana. He was the second of five boys born to Rudy and Agnes (Thompson) Basta. His childhood was spent for a short period of time on the Basta homestead south of Lindsay, in North Dakota, and in Glendive. In the late 40's the family purchased the farm where he resided at the time of his death. He attended several grade schools graduating 8th grade from Clear Creek Rural School. Dennis graduated from Dawson County High School in 1953, where he set records in pole vaulting using a bamboo pole. Dennis married Margaret Mickelson on November 18, 1956 in Glendive, Montana, and they moved to San Francisco where Denny was serving in the Army at a Nike Missile Station, near Fort Cronkhite. In the fall of 1957 Denny and Margaret moved to Savage where he farmed. While in Savage, Mike, Alan and Shannon, the first three of their seven children were born. In August

of 1961 Denny and Margaret moved to the family farm south of Lindsay were they then had four more children Ray, Jean, Joel and Cole. Dennis resided at the Lindsay farm until the time of his death.

He loved being a farmer and loved being on the farm. Over the years he raised sheep, pigs, cattle, wheat and other grains. He was very involved in the area, he was on the board of directors for several organizations including Clear Creek Hall Board, Farmers Union Oil Station in Lindsay, Dawson County Soil Conservation District, Dawson County Planning Board, and Dawson County Fair Board.

He loved his family and was very proud of them. He covered hundreds of miles following his kids and grandkids in their many sporting activities. His favorite things were family gatherings. He loved his community and lending a helping hand whenever needed. The Annual Union June picnic was an important part of his life. Dennis loved to dance and was a favorite partner of many. He also loved bowling and was on leagues for over 50 years.

In April of 2012 Dennis received a LVAD (left ventricular assist device), this was about two years after receiving chemo treatments for cancer. One of the drugs damaged his heart. With the LVAD Dennis was able to get back to the things he loved namely family, farming, dancing and bowling. The LVAD gave us extra time with this amazing man but we knew that time would not last forever.

Dennis is survived by his wife Margaret of Lindsay, his seven children, Mike (D'Ann) Basta of Glendive, Montana; Alan (Liu) Basta of Austin, Texas; Shannon May of Glendive, Montana; Ray (Kris) Basta of Glendive, Montana; Jean Basta (Jim Temple) of Cheyenne, Wyoming and Glendive, Montana; Joel (Jamie) Basta of Glendive, Montana and Cole (Shelly) Basta of Michigan City, Indiana; his brothers Dave (Fran) Basta of Polson, Montana; Tom (Marie) Basta of Beaverton, Oregon; brother-in-law Fred Mickelson; 15 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews; and cousins.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws, two brothers Don and Dan, and a brother-in-law and his three children.

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

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
221 N. Meade Avenue
P.O. Box 848
Glendive, MT 59330
(406) 377-2622
silha@midrivers.com
<https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com>

Family to Receive Friends

JAN 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Service

JAN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Evangelical Church of North America
118 West Borden Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis Basta*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about your loss, and sorry this so late, I just found out. I remember Denny,... Mr. to me way back then. Best Union picnic, three legged races and all night dance I've ever been to...he could dance! I also remember his slow easy smile that precluded his teasing. Blessings to all of you and here's to remembering the good times.*

Kathy George-Brownstein - July 09, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ *My condolences to the whole family. I remember spending many many hours at the Basta farm & always enjoyed his company. He was always so helpful to me in grade school..Liked to watch him dance as I don't think I ever saw a happier looking man than when he was on the dance floor. I will miss you a lot Denny!*



denny - February 22, 2018 at 11:21 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Betty Buck Thornton*

Betty Buck Thornton - January 30, 2018 at 10:47 PM

DW

“ I'm so sorry to have lost such a fine man. I was interested that he was selected for the Nike program. My first husband was selected for the Titan. At the time they were in the service, USA was gearing up for the missile defense and the brightest army recruits were trained for these missile programs. The brightest of the bright were put on the Nike program. My husband was on the Titan. Margaret and I had much in common at that time. God bless all of you. You had a wonderful role model.

Donna

Donna Welsh - January 10, 2018 at 11:44 AM

KE

“ To all of Denny's family,
We are sorry to hear about Denny. I have memories from years past.

The years of bowling around him. He was a great person to be around.

Our thoughts and prayers to you all.

Kent and Laurel Cress

kent - January 08, 2018 at 05:45 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis Basta.



January 08, 2018 at 11:17 AM

BF

“ *Ben and Lou Ann Eaton and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis Basta.*



Ben and Lou Ann Eaton and family - January 07, 2018 at 11:27 PM

GL

“ *To Mike, D'Ann, and family,
So very sorry for the loss of your father, Mike. May God give you comfort during this time. Gary and Jo Ann*

Gary & Jo Ann Levine - January 07, 2018 at 09:04 PM

DJ

“ *Darcy & Jodi purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dennis Basta.*



Darcy & Jodi - January 07, 2018 at 11:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Basta.*



January 07, 2018 at 11:25 AM

RH

“ It's so hard to lose a parent. Shannon, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Mike & Rhonda (Zeller) Hofmann

Rhonda Hofmann - January 07, 2018 at 10:58 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis Basta.



January 07, 2018 at 09:37 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Basta.



January 07, 2018 at 09:32 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Basta.



January 06, 2018 at 01:05 AM

BE

“ Sorry for loss of brother- father -husband grampa, prayers he was good family man he will be missed.



Bea Ewalt.Lafurge - January 05, 2018 at 11:45 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis Basta.



January 05, 2018 at 02:38 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Basta.



January 05, 2018 at 06:59 AM

PR

“ Margaret and Family,
Im so sorry to hear about your loss. I will keep you all in my prayers,
Pam Rice

Pam Rice - January 04, 2018 at 03:53 PM

VD

“ I'll always remember the parties in my parents basement and Denny teaching me how to two step. Also the card parties. Denny and Margaret were always at both these events.

Vonda Dinger - January 04, 2018 at 03:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Basta.



January 04, 2018 at 09:34 AM

GL

“ Gene & Les purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Dennis Basta.



Gene & Les - January 03, 2018 at 11:53 AM

CL

“ Margaret and family, so sorry to hear of Denny passing. He was always a kind and gentle man. Knowing him on the farm has always been a wonderful memory. May God bless you in this time of sorrow.

Cheryl Lehman - January 02, 2018 at 11:43 PM

GB

My condolences to the Basta family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers!!! I remember at a wedding we had a "Dance with Denny" instead of the bride and pinned dollars on him. I think he was a little embarrassed at first but played along with our game. Brings a smile as I remember that day. He is a great man and will be missed. Know that we just received another angel to watch over us.

Gail Beyers - January 04, 2018 at 01:16 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dennis Basta.*



January 02, 2018 at 09:07 PM

MB

“ *To: my aunt- Margaret, To: my cousins- Mike, Alan, Ray, Shannon, Jean, Joel, & Cole and their families*
I wish I could express to you all the appropriate words. All I can say is that I am so sorry for your loss and I want you to know that you all mean so much to me. Close your eyes and wrap your arms around yourself and hold tight because these are the hugs I'm sending to you.

As I sit here thinking about my uncle Denny, I have love and admiration filling my heart and mind. His soul truly lives through each one of his kids, they are living proof – much to be admired. {Of course, my aunt has a lot to contribute to that also and I love her dearly.} But Denny's children carry the legacy of a 'great man'. The Basta Legacy!

*I Love You...
your cousin, Marilyn*

Marilyn Basta - January 02, 2018 at 12:48 PM

NA

“ Sorry to hear about Denny passing. I spent a lot of time at the Basta's house in my youth and was always so impressed with how Denny was such a hard worker, calm and patient with all those kids!! I attended many June picnics where I can still see Denny on the dance floor as he was gifted dancer. The Lindsay community has lost someone special! Prayers for Margaret and family during this difficult time. Phil & Susan Anderson

N. Phillip Anderson - January 01, 2018 at 01:35 PM

DO

“ Margaret and family. So sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. Keep your memories and close times close to your heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Doris & Larry Zinger

Doris - January 01, 2018 at 01:12 PM

DO

“ Doris lit a candle in memory of Dennis Basta



Doris - January 01, 2018 at 01:07 PM

BS

“ Bob And Jackie Schlicht lit a candle in memory of Dennis Basta



Bob and Jackie Schlicht - December 31, 2017 at 04:06 PM

BS

“ *It was a pleasure to have known Denny. He was a fine, good, person. Our deep sympathy and condolences to all of his family.*

Bob and Jackie Schlicht - December 31, 2017 at 04:02 PM

SM

“ *Margaret and family, I'm sorry to hear of Denny's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I will always remember his kind heart and he always had a smile on his face.*

Sandra Montijo - December 31, 2017 at 11:07 AM

SC

“ *So sorry to hear about Denny's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Basta families.*



Sherry Corneliusen - December 30, 2017 at 06:55 PM

KN

“ *Keith And Donna Nelson lit a candle in memory of Dennis Basta*



Keith and Donna Nelson - December 30, 2017 at 03:57 PM

BT

“ *Basta Family, I'm so sorry for your loss! Its never easy losing our parents but esp at this time of year. Cherish your Memories and Hold them close they will help get you through the difficult days ahead.*

God Bless

Becky (Chouinard) Tipton

Becky Tipton - December 30, 2017 at 02:08 PM

LM

“ *Margaret and Family, We are so sorry to see about Denny. He was a good man and proud of his family. Prayers to you all as you lay him to rest. Sincerely, Gene & Les*



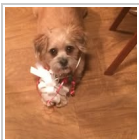
Leslie Micheletto - December 30, 2017 at 02:05 PM

DS

“ *Dick Sadorf lit a candle in memory of Dennis Basta*



Dick Sadorf - December 30, 2017 at 01:31 PM



“ *This news really saddens me as I thought Denny was one of the really nice guys in this life. My sympathies to Margaret and all the kids So hard to lose someone especially at this time of the year Sandy and Dennis Snow*

Sandy Snow - December 30, 2017 at 12:11 PM