



## Donald O'Connor

December 3, 1939 - October 22, 2014

Donald "Don" Maurice O'Connor, age 74, of Wibaux, Montana passed away on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at the Billings Clinic in Billings, Montana. There will be a Celebration of Don's Life from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at the Beaver Creek Brewery/Gem Theater in Wibaux. Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Don was born on December 3, 1939 in Wibaux, a son of Francis J. and Gertrude M. (Zabrocki) O'Connor. The family remained in Wibaux until Don was nine years old when they moved to Livingston, Montana. While in Livingston Don attended St. Mary's Catholic School through the eighth grade and finished his education at Park County High School. Following his high school education Don worked at local gas stations and during that time he met Donna Eggar. Don and Donna were later married on September 9, 1961 in Livingston and to this union two children were born, Frank and Sandra. Shortly after their marriage Don enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed in Korea; he later received his honorable discharge in 1969. Following his time with the military, Don and his family moved to White Sulphur Springs, Montana where he opened an Autobody Shop and also sold SnoJet Snowmobiles. Don was very active in his community and was president of the Jaycees, a Volunteer Fire Fighter, and also loved participating in snowmobile races. He loved racing so much that he eventually closed his business and moved to, Minnesota to pursue a career as a professional

snowmobile racer and later a designer in the research and development department of the factory.

In 1971 he moved back to Livingston and went to work for the railroad as a machinist. Don and his brother also owned and operated a Texaco Gas Station with a body shop until 1986 when the family moved to Wibaux as Don was transferred by the railroad to Glendive where he worked until his retirement in 2002. Following his retirement he opened the Wibaux Auto Glass & Body which he owned and operated for a few years until his health forced him to quit.

Don was never an idle man, and he always had to be doing something. He enjoyed farming and ranching, raising cattle and horses, and horseback riding in the mountains. He thoroughly loved old cars and anything with a motor. As a young man Don, loved racing cars, motorcycles, snowmobiles and later in life he enjoyed going to car shows with his classic cars. Nothing was more important, however, than spending time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Gertrude.

Don is survived by his wife, Donna of Wibaux; two children, Frank (Karen) O'Connor of Livingston and Sandra (Jim) Devine of Wibaux; two grandchildren, Crae O'Connor of Livingston and Jennifer Devine of Wibaux; two brothers, Greg (Leda) O'Connor and Bill (Sue) O'Connor; four sisters, Mary Ann (Larry) Bizjack, June O'Connor, Kathy O'Connor, and Peggy (Mike) O'Connor Tate; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

# Previous Events

## Wake

NOV 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Beaver Creek Brewery/Gem Theater  
104 Orgain Ave. E  
Wibaux, MT 59353

# Tribute Wall



“ Donald O'Connor

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ Cindy Greiman sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald O'Connor



Cindy Greiman - November 08, 2014 at 11:05 AM



*It was an honor to care for Mr. O'Connor when he was @ Wibaux nursing home. may you find comfort that he is free of pain & is working on 1 of his projects. God Bless your family Cindy nurse*

Cindy Greiman - November 08, 2014 at 11:07 AM



“ Mary Ann and Larry Bizjack purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Donald O'Connor.



Mary Ann and Larry Bizjack - November 02, 2014 at 11:47 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Donald O'Connor.*



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October 30, 2014 at 08:16 PM



“ *Dwayne And Sharon Springer lit a candle in memory of Donald O'Connor*



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**Dwayne and Sharon Springer** - October 27, 2014 at 10:44 PM



“ *Don will always be remembered as a very kind and generous man! He will be truly missed! He was always great to do business with- so honest and hard working. Thinking of his entire family with love and prayers!*

*Rob and Judy Bushman*

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**Judy Bushman** - October 27, 2014 at 08:09 PM



“ Donna and family, Don will be missed by so many in our community, including our family. Rory and Cody still talk about helping Don during haying several years when they were growing up and smile when they remember. I will always remember what a good neighbor he was at all times when we lived over at "home" in MT. Doug came to know and like Don also and always enjoyed visiting with him when we were in Wibaux. Our family feels so fortunate to have know such a good man as Don. We are sure you have many good memories of Don and hope they help you thru this difficult time. God bless all of the O'Connor family.

Judy and Doug Johnson

Cody Cowan

Rory Cowan and family

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**Judy Johnson** - October 27, 2014 at 07:09 PM

ME

“ Donna and family, Don was such a great guy and the whole town will truly miss him! He was so kind hearted and loved to listen to his stories, never a dull one! I will keep you all in my prayers to help you through this sad time!

Rick and Mary Ernst

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**mary ernst** - October 27, 2014 at 12:04 PM

DB

“ Donna and family so sorry for your loss. Don and I always got along well when working for the railroad. If I needed something fixed he always made sure it happened. I also enjoyed visiting with him at the work equipment shop. He was sure surprised when Paul Torres and I came to Wibaux to have breakfast with him. May the good Lord be with you and your family.

Dan Barth

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**Dan Barth** - October 26, 2014 at 07:15 PM

LF

*Going to miss having Don stop for coffee when he was in Glendive.*

Lorraine Freeman - November 02, 2014 at 11:01 AM

BC

“ *Donna & Family, So sorry for your loss - may God comfort you during this time.*

*Buzz & Dorothy Chaffee*

Buzz & Dorothy Chaffee - October 25, 2014 at 08:39 PM

AC

“ *Art and Peggy Choate purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Donald O'Connor.*



Art and Peggy Choate - October 25, 2014 at 11:41 AM

GL

“ *So very sorry for your loss. I had a nice visit with Don the day before he went to Billings. He was so upbeat and ready to meet the upcoming challenge. He felt good and was working his laptop, enjoying the day. I will always remember his enthusiasm for the future. Such a nice man. Susan & Gary Lawrence*

Gary & Susan Lawrence - October 25, 2014 at 10:22 AM

GN

“ *Gertrude Nunberg purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Donald O'Connor.*



Gertrude Nunberg - October 25, 2014 at 09:13 AM

JU

“ Donna & Family...Our community has lost a fine man and one that we sure enjoyed and appreciated. He always brought a ray of sunshine & cheer wherever he went and we will miss that and miss him. Just know that our hearts are with you and feeling your loss. Our love & care, Ron & Judy Frasch

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**Judy** - October 25, 2014 at 07:50 AM

MG

“ Donna and family, My sincere sympathy in your loss. Don was such a nice guy. Always smiling and so jolly. I have many cherished memories of time shared with your family at the Wibaux horse shows. Those were the good old days. He will certainly be missed.

*Marge Griebel*

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**Marge Griebel** - October 24, 2014 at 08:03 PM

DW

“ Donna & family, So sorry for your loss. Don was a kind soul and I was proud to call him a friend. "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal" author unknown. May God comfort you during this difficult time.

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**Debbie Weyer** - October 23, 2014 at 08:49 PM

SH

“ Don was very special, Dad always thought a lot of him and loved his car-talk. He came to visit Dad why he was in the Nursing Home and I thought that was super of him. He was a Gentle man and always had the time to say Hi! Now they can talk cars in heaven while they wait for us. Love and Sympathy Kim & Sandy

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**sandy helvik** - October 23, 2014 at 04:01 PM