



## Donald Pulse

May 26, 1928 - February 11, 2020

Donald Pulse, age 91, of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Brother Guy Pontoriero officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Don was born on the family ranch to Dorothy and Homer in the pine covered hills south of Ekalaka, MT. The family of eight children had a classism's hardscrabble life made worse by the depression. At the age of 13, Don left home to go herd sheep on the Mizpah. During that time, Don rode his horse twelve miles round trip to attend the Johnson School. After a year, Don returned to Ekalaka to enroll in high school.

He met the love of his life Tunk (Bonita) when he spotted her from atop the Ferris wheel that had broken down at the Belle Fourche fair. While waiting for the Ferris wheel to be repaired, he could not keep his eyes off this beautiful girl jitterbugging. He told his friend that when they got down, he was going to ask this cute girl to dance. Don kept his word, and the bud of romance grew. After Don graduated, he embarked on a new adventure to go to barber school. Once he completed his education, he returned to Ekalaka. Once Tunk had graduated high school, the two were married August 3rd, 1948. There, he started barbering with his older brother, Bob in Ekalaka. Then in 1950, with baby Tish, they moved to Glendive where he went to work with Fred Dalsasso on Main Street. Son, Dake, joined the family in December 1952. In 1964, Don

opened his own barbershop, Your Barbershop on Towne Street along with Your Beauty Shop next door. He later moved his shop to Westside Barbershop and retired in 1992.

After retirement, Don and Tunk spent as much time as possible fishing from their boat at their favorite spot, McGuire Creek. They also took in as many sporting events as possible.

Don contributed much to his loved community of Glendive. He was a key member in renovating the old Legion baseball fields into the current ABC fields in Glendive. He was also active in Lions Club and as he became club president was instrumental in acquiring the youth camp properties, through donations from the Sundling family, to the Lions club. He channeled his inspiration into the building of the A Frame, with much volunteer help, at the camp. He was very proud of this accomplishment, including the ability to find a water source. He enjoyed the many hours in that endeavor with Dennis Snow, who became a true friend.

Dad had such an enormous love for his family. He is survived by his wife, Tunk (Bonita), who were married for 72 years but as a couple were together for 76 years. His daughter LaTisha Starbuck (Gene) and her children: Kim Nelson (Scott) and daughters Melissa and Samantha.; son Brian Bohl (Krystal) and their children Olivia and Henry; daughter Michelle Lyster (Cody) and daughter, Nora; daughter Meagan Pierson (Paul) children Taylor, Carter, Violet. His son Dake Pulse (Irina) and his children: Gabriel Pulse, son Jeremiah and daughters Summer and Naomi; Alex (Maria) and Victor Pulse (Nichole). He is also survived by his youngest brother Ken Pulse and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by brothers Glen, Marvin, Homer, and Robert and sisters Ruth and Dorothy.

The family is grateful for all of the love, support, and friendship. Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite little league team, the Dawson County Fair Board or your charity of choice.

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

funeralhomes.com.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Pulse*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



**Silha Funeral Home** - February 28, 2020 at 05:04 PM

SB

“ *Dake, Irena, Tunk...I enjoyed Don's stories so much! He had a precious heart.*

**Susan Brenner** - February 21, 2020 at 08:15 AM

JF

“ *Tunk,  
So sorry to hear about Don. I can still hear his voice. So distinct you always knew it was him. Even if it had been years since I'd seen you both. Janet Albery*

**janet Albery Freeman** - February 20, 2020 at 04:17 PM

SB

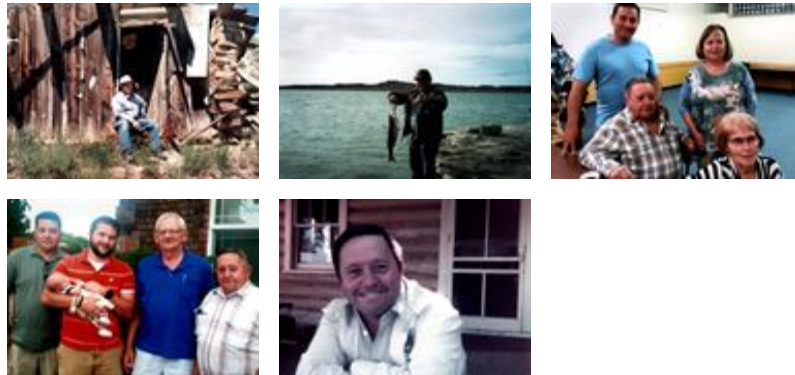
“ Sharon Bain lit a candle in memory of Donald Pulse



Sharon Bain - February 18, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ 48 files added to the album Life Tributes



Silha Funeral Home - February 14, 2020 at 06:10 PM

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“ TOUCHSTONE IMAGING-THORNTON purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Pulse.



TOUCHSTONE IMAGING-THORNTON - February 14, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Donald Pulse.*



February 14, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to Don's family. I always enjoyed visiting with him over the years. Everytime we fish around McGuire Creek at Ft Peck, we remember Don and his camper that sat near the point. He will be missed.*



**Don and Penny Zimmerman** - February 14, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ *Trunk and Family I'm so sorry for your loss! Don was such an Awesome person! RIP Don  
Cherish your Memories and Hold them Close they will help get you through the difficult days ahead!  
Becky (Chouinard) Tipton*

**Becky Tipton** - February 13, 2020 at 11:58 PM



“ *John & Terra Doll lit a candle in memory of Donald Pulse*



**John & Terra Doll** - February 13, 2020 at 09:01 PM

DS

“ *Dick Sadorf lit a candle in memory of Donald Pulse*



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**Dick Sadorf** - February 13, 2020 at 05:08 PM



“ *It is always hard to lose our friends, but Don and Tunk have been important in our lives for 48 years.*

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**Sandy Snow** - February 13, 2020 at 11:18 AM

TP

“ *Kay  
Sorry about your loss of your Uncle.*

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**Tyler Pust** - February 12, 2020 at 07:18 PM

NM

“ *Nancy Mischel-Keller lit a candle in memory of Donald Pulse*



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**Nancy Mischel-Keller** - February 12, 2020 at 12:00 PM