



Edward Christ Kessel

September 18, 1931 - January 11, 2025

Edward "Ed" C. Kessel, formerly of Glendive, Montana, passed away peacefully in Billings, Montana, on January 11, 2025, at the age of 93. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:00 PM on Friday, February 21, 2025 at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Billings. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with the local arrangements.

Edward was born on September 18, 1931, in Dickinson, North Dakota, to Paul and Barbara (Decker) Kessel. Growing up in Glendive, he attended Dawson County High School graduating in 1950. In 1951, he proudly joined the United States Marine Corps and served at Camp Pendleton until 1953. Following his honorable service, Ed returned home and married Louisa "Maggie" Hoffman in April of 1954. Together, they built a life filled with love and dedication in Glendive.

Ed worked for the State Highway Department while Maggie was employed as a phone operator at Mountain Bell. Though they were unable to have children of their own, Ed and Maggie embraced their roles as devoted aunt and uncle to their many nieces and nephews. They made it a priority to attend every baptism, graduation, and wedding celebration, creating cherished memories with their extended family.

Ed and Maggie were owners of several businesses. Their favorite was Glen

Bowl Lanes in Glendive. The bowling alley became a hub of community activity under their care. Ed especially enjoyed teaching local children how to bowl after school and on weekends, fostering a sense of camaraderie and fun for generations of young bowlers.

Ed will be remembered for his service to his country, his commitment to family, and his contributions to the Glendive community. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched through his kindness and generosity.

May his memory bring comfort to all who knew him.

Ed is survived by his wife of 70 years, Maggie Kessel, of Billings, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 21. 12:00 PM.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Billings, MT

Tribute Wall



“ Edward is my grandmother's older brother, Virginia passed away in 1958 as few days after giving birth to my Mother Diane Marie Hall in Amarillo TX...I would have loved to meet Him !! So sorry for your loss...



Justin Woodruff - September 30, 2025 at 02:45 PM

NK

“ Nancy Korb lit a candle in memory of Edward Christ Kessel



Nancy Korb - February 16, 2025 at 09:55 AM

DV

“ Deb Pete Vogel lit a candle in memory of Edward Kessel



Deb Pete Vogel - January 21, 2025 at 12:17 AM

EK

“ Ed was one of a kind, was the best next door neighbor. He would do anything for you. He was such a go getter! Troy and I always enjoyed his company. RIP to the best neighbor we could've asked for! Condolences to you Maggie. Love Erin Kaufman

Erin Kaufman - January 20, 2025 at 03:50 PM

EW

“ I've known Ed all our lives. I met him when I moved to the US when I was 5 years old. I played with him while growing up. Later in life when they had the bowling alley we spent a lot of time together, Ed and Maggie AND Paul and myself, going to many tournaments and bowling. I have moved to Billings and live in the same complex as Ed and Maggie and have been fortunate to visit them the last couple of years. I am 96 and have a lot of memories with the Kessels, I will definitely miss Ed, may God take your kind soul.

Elizabeth (Liz) Winhofer - January 17, 2025 at 11:49 AM

LO

So many wonderful memories, many years of bowling, tournaments ,our great New Year's parties, our birthdays. So many to look back on. We will miss you"Edard " our dear friend. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Larry and Sandy Oium - February 20, 2025 at 06:07 PM

EW

“ Elizabeth (Liz) Winhofer sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward Kessel



Elizabeth (Liz) Winhofer - January 17, 2025 at 11:43 AM

BT

“ Maggie I'm so sorry for your loss! I many fond memories of Bowling with you on Sunday Nights! I can hear all the joking with the Dufners and Ed !
RIP Ed
Becky(Chouinard)Tipton



Becky Tipton - January 15, 2025 at 09:16 PM

PM

“ I enjoyed my time with Ed and Maggie growing up with all the bowling tournaments Paul and Liz went on with them. I was fortunate to visit them in Billings twice in the last two years. We will all miss Ed's happy disposition and good nature.

Patti (Winhofer) Metz - January 15, 2025 at 02:48 PM

PM

“ Patti (Winhofer) Metz sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward Kessel



Patti (Winhofer) Metz - January 15, 2025 at 02:44 PM

LA

“ Linda Athas lit a candle in memory of Edward Kessel



Linda Athas - January 14, 2025 at 10:53 AM

MA

“ Mary lit a candle in memory of Edward Kessel



Mary - January 13, 2025 at 08:17 PM

BR

“ *Maggie: so sorry to hear of your loss. Have so many great memories of Ed. My prayers to comfort you.* ”

Bernice Rudnick - January 13, 2025 at 07:26 PM

MB

“ *Marie Barthel lit a candle in memory of Edward Kessel* ”



Marie Barthel - January 13, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss Maggie, Thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.* ”



Linda Wyse - January 13, 2025 at 03:15 PM

BA

“ *Barb Anvik lit a candle in memory of Edward Kessel* ”



Barb Anvik - January 13, 2025 at 12:08 PM

GH

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May Ed rest in Peace. Maggie & George



George & Maggie Holom - January 13, 2025 at 09:29 AM

DS

“ Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Edward Kessel



Denise Stoddart - January 13, 2025 at 08:15 AM

DS

“ Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Edward Kessel



Denise Stoddart - January 12, 2025 at 09:23 PM

DZ

Our sincerely condolences.

Don and Penny Zimmerman - January 14, 2025 at 10:50 AM

GT

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you Maggie. I remember so many years bowling with you and Ed. Ed loved his bowling sport and gave so many tips for his love of the sport. I'm positive he is up in heaven helping all bowlers!. RIP Ed. You will be missed by all here.



Gina Tipton - January 12, 2025 at 05:33 PM

JH

“ Oh Maggie, I am so sorry to hear your love has passed. I thought about you guys a lot over the holidays. I'm so glad I got to visit with you both a few years ago in Billings, but wish I'd have stopped in again more recently. Losing your Ed is losing yet another connection to my Dad...the two of them got along so well back in the day at the highway department. Praying for comfort for you, sweet and smiling dimpled lady!

Jo Anne (Jonutis) Herem - January 12, 2025 at 04:38 PM

LO

We've been friends for about 50 years. The memories we have over all those years are so special, our get togethers , bowling, our visits here in Billings. Our prayers for you Maggie to comfort you in the days ahead. Love you.

Larry and Sandy Oium - January 13, 2025 at 08:42 AM

MT

Love and prayers to you Maggie and all the family. Ed was our best card playing buddy.

Marlene Taylor - January 13, 2025 at 12:19 PM