



Elnor Donald Eaton

April 26, 1943 - June 5, 2018

Elnor Donald Eaton, age 75, of Terry, Montana passed away on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 north of Terry. Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Family and Friends service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at the Silha Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, June 11, 2018 at the Evangelical Church of North America in Glendive with Pastor David Steinbron and Pastor Robert Canen officiating. Interment will be in the Union Cemetery south of Lindsay, Montana. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Elnor was born April 26, 1943 to Frank Cecil and Esther Carlstrom Eaton, the second of ten children. He grew up on the family homestead and attended school through the 8th grade at Union School. He graduated from Terry High School and went on to MSU where he graduated in Agribusiness. He returned home to help with the family ranch. Elnor's father had a heart attack when Elnor was 16 and from that time on, he and his brothers ran the family farm. He was instrumental in the growth of the ranch. The ranch and his family were the centers of his life.

Elnor met his future wife, Linda Zody while taking his sisters to the Union School, the same school he attended. Elnor and Linda were married during one of the worst Thanksgiving storms the Bloomfield area had seen and their union lasted 47 years. Their son, Brad, arrived in 1973 and their daughter, Heather, completed their family in 1976. They spent the next several years

chasing their children to school and church activities and even managed to squeeze in a few family vacations. He enjoyed passing his work ethic to his son, Brad, showing him the value of a job well done, not just done. Heather held a special place in her dad's heart, tagging along to be "one of the guys." Elner's grandchildren were the light of his life. He loved it when they came to visit and took a vast interest in their activities. He liked to take them with him when he was working, wanting to teach them the value of hard work and his love of ranch and family. He especially loved it when they called him, "Bapa." On his last day on earth, Elner was enjoying the sunny morning after a fresh rain by doing one of his favorite things, checking the cows, when the Lord called him home.

Elner was a man of deep faith, trusting the Lord to help him through each day. He was a member of the Evangelical Church. He was baptized with daughter Heather, son-in-law Aaron, and grandson Alex. He was also a member of the Gideons.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, father-in-law, and sister, Alice Schmidt.

Elner is survived by his wife, Linda, son Brad (Holly), daughter Heather (Aaron) McIntyre, four grandchildren Abby Eaton, Alex Eaton, Hayden and Jett McIntyre. Brothers Ed (Adela) of Las Cruces, NM, Lee (Connie) of Lindsay, Tom (Linda) of Glendive, Ben (Lou Ann) of Reeder, ND, Sisters, Marilyn Martin & Priscilla Wrobetz of Greely, CO, Lottie (Curt) Starr of Billings, Connie (Steve) Sumida of Anchorage, AK and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gideons, Evangelical Church in Glendive, or Union Hall.

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

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

Lindsay, MT

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Family & Friends Service

JUN 10. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Funeral Service

JUN 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Elner Donald Eaton*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Dear Linda, Brad, Heather and families, Dave and I share your sorrow at the loss of Elmer. He adored his family. May your warm memories of your husband, father and grandfather bring you peace and comfort during this hard time.*
Dave and Elaine Swanson.

Elaine Swanson - June 10, 2018 at 10:43 PM



“ *Linda, Brad, Heather and families. Our condolences to you on the loss of Elner. May good memories help you though tough times in the next days and weeks ahead. May God be with you all. Elner was a great livestock and business man to work with over so many years at Farm Credit Services. He will be missed.*

Charles and Marleen Lowman

Charles and Marleen Lowman - June 10, 2018 at 09:14 PM



“ *Our sympathy and prayers for the family .*

Carol J Robinson - June 09, 2018 at 12:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elnor Donald Eaton.*



June 08, 2018 at 06:02 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elnor Donald Eaton.*



June 08, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ *Linda and family, words cannot express the sorrow I feel for your family. You have a strong loving family, the love of family and the love of God will give you strength. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Ruth Peck - June 08, 2018 at 03:45 PM



“ *Derek & Bailee, Insurance Unlimited of Helena purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elnor Donald Eaton.*



Derek & Bailee, Insurance Unlimited of Helena - June 08, 2018 at 03:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elnor Donald Eaton.*



June 08, 2018 at 02:15 PM



“ *Heather and Family,
We are sorry for your loss. Elnor will be missed. I have heard many good stories from Dillon and we really appreciate all he did for Dillon.*

Brandi and Bart Austby - June 08, 2018 at 01:01 PM



“ *In my life I have had the privilege to know great men and pillars of the livestock industry; men of wisdom, honesty and integrity. Elnor was one of those men. I am honored to have known him and sorrowed by his loss. God bless you Elnor and God bless your family.*

Bob Goodwin and family, Sidney, Nebraska - June 08, 2018 at 12:23 PM



“ *Dinklage Corporate Division & Board of Directors purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Elnor Donald Eaton.*



Dinklage Corporate Division & Board of Directors - June 08, 2018 at 11:09 AM

DS

“ Linda, Brad, Heather and families, My sympathies to each of you. May God give you strength and understanding in these difficult times. Sorry to hear about Elnor.

Darlene L Strobel - June 08, 2018 at 11:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elnor Donald Eaton.



June 08, 2018 at 08:19 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Elnor Donald Eaton.



June 07, 2018 at 10:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elnor Donald Eaton.



June 07, 2018 at 07:47 PM

DG

“ *Dave, Nicole, Brian and Mary E. Mott - Woodstock, GA purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elnor Donald Eaton.*



Dave, Nicole, Brian and Mary E. Mott - Woodstock, GA - June 07, 2018 at 05:01 PM

BF

“ *Ben, Lou Ann, Jonathon, Ria, Justin, Anna & family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Elnor Donald Eaton.*



Ben, Lou Ann, Jonathon, Ria, Justin, Anna & family - June 07, 2018 at 02:00 PM

DS

“ *Dick Sadorf lit a candle in memory of Elnor Donald Eaton*



Dick Sadorf - June 07, 2018 at 01:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elnor Donald Eaton.*



June 07, 2018 at 12:26 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elnor Donald Eaton.*



June 07, 2018 at 10:50 AM



“ *When I took over the position with Verified Beef, I was invited to go along with the Eaton family and a few others to tour the Dinkalge feedlots. I had never met the family but did totally enjoy them and their hospitality. Elnor will be missed by many..God's Peace be with you all.*

Bonnie R Nelson - June 07, 2018 at 08:05 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*



Willard , Diane , Gene Unruh - June 07, 2018 at 07:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elnor Donald Eaton.*



June 06, 2018 at 09:58 PM

DM

“ *Doug Rogers and Family Rogers Bar HR Collins, MS purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elnor Donald Eaton.*



Doug Rogers and Family Rogers Bar HR Collins, MS - June 06, 2018 at 05:26 PM

SB

“ *Sandy And David Barnick lit a candle in memory of Elnor Donald Eaton*



Sandy and David Barnick - June 06, 2018 at 01:04 AM

TD

“ *Heather and family~ I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Cherish your memories as you will always have them.*



Tammy Dey - June 06, 2018 at 12:10 AM

LT

“ *Les And Virginia Tipton lit a candle in memory of Elnor Donald Eaton*



Les and Virginia Tipton - June 05, 2018 at 10:37 PM

LT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time.*

Les and Virginia Tipton - June 05, 2018 at 10:34 PM

TH

“ *Troy And JoDee Hess lit a candle in memory of Elnor Donald Eaton*



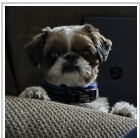
Troy And JoDee Hess - June 05, 2018 at 10:07 PM

VS

“ *Elnor, you were a pretty amazing Brother-in-law! You were part of our family for so many years, it is hard to imagine family gatherings without you! Your devotion to your family and to your faith are a tribute to the kind person you were. God Bless you and your family. In loving thoughts and prayers, Jim and Val*



Valerie G, Steward-Maus - June 05, 2018 at 09:07 PM



“ *Toni Goroski lit a candle in memory of Elnor Donald Eaton*



Toni Goroski - June 05, 2018 at 09:04 PM

TK

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Elner was such a great man. Our thoughts and prayers go to your family.

Tiena Kinsey - June 05, 2018 at 08:00 PM

DD

“ Linda and family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss! You are in our thoughts and prayers. Good memories will always help you through tough times in the days and weeks ahead. May the Lord wrap his loving arms around you.

Dan & Donna Dobson

Dan Dobson - June 05, 2018 at 06:49 PM