



## Emmet Fred Mickelson

June 16, 1943 - March 31, 2022

Emmet Fred Mickelson, age 78 of Glendive, Montana passed away on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at the Prairie Community Hospital in Terry, Montana. Visitation will be from 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM with a Life Tribute Service beginning at 1:00 PM on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Celebrant Heidi Carney officiating. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery in Savage, Montana. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

(Emmet) Fred Mickelson was born June 16, 1943, in Glendive, Montana to his parents Emmet and Sylvia (Murray) Mickelson. The family lived on a farm on Murphy Table (north of Intake) until Fred was three when the family moved to Kalispell, Montana. Fred went to the first grade at a one room rural school near Columbia Falls where his mom was the teacher. In the 1950's the family moved back to Glendive and settled on the farm along the Circle highway between Glendive and Lindsay. Fred attended grade school in Glendive at Washington School for four years, then finished grade school in Lindsay. Fred attended Dawson County High School and graduated in 1961. Fred spent a little time at Dawson Community College and worked at various jobs. He ended up working in Alaska for a few months. His older brother Lewis lived in Alaska. Fred returned to Montana after the lumber company he was working for closed.

Fred loved to drive fast and in February of 1965 at the age of 21 he was in a serious car accident resulting in multiple injuries, including to his spine and

head. As a result of that accident Fred was disabled with a bad back and loss of short-term memory. This was an extremely tough time for his parents as they had lost their son Lewis and his three children the year before in a tidal wave which was caused by the earthquake in Alaska in 1964.

Fred lived with his parents on the farm and then continued to live with his mom after his dad died in 1976. He drove his mom to town and to her club meetings. He was a good companion to her and helped her with her weaving and genealogy projects. After his mom died in 1997, Fred lived alone on the family farm and was able to care for himself with some assistance from his sister Margaret Basta. In the fall of 2011, he moved to town and lived with his niece Shannon May. Fred was able to live fairly independently and would be seen downtown going to his twice weekly massage (treatment), stopping by the jewelry store to make sure the time on his watch was correct, or stopping at the bank.

Even with the injuries Fred's mind was very sharp and he had a quick wit. He loved to read, in particular the comics and Mad Magazine. Some of his favorite shows were the good oldies like Hogan's Heros, Mash, Gomer Pile U.S.M.C, and Gilligans Island. Fred loved sharing his humor wherever he went. He also always had a love for cars and read many magazines and books about cars.

Before and after moving to town Fred was frequently seen at CC's Family Café. Fred received his massages from Donna Welsh for many years. Donna became a great friend and looked out for Fred. After his twice weekly treatments they would go for coffee and work on the crossword puzzle. They spent many hours at CC's working on those puzzles over the years. We will be forever grateful for Donna taking Fred under her wing. We are also grateful to the staff at CC's for all the years of serving Fred and keeping an eye out for him. One day he said, "Where can I go where everyone knows my name? CC's, I don't remember all of their names but they all know mine." He felt special there. Thank you!

In the last year Fred's health had declined and he needed more day-to-day

care. He moved to Long-Term Care at Prairie Community Hospital in January 2022. Fred quickly got them trained to his likes and dislikes and kept them on their toes with his quick wit. We are grateful for the care he received these last few months. Fred's passing was sudden and unexpected. Thank you to the staff for being with him up to his final moment.

And, finally we want to say THANK YOU! to the town of Glendive for always looking out for Fred. The care given to Fred by this community has been huge. Thank you again!

Fred is preceded in death by his parents (Sylvia and Emmet), his older brother Lewis and Lewis's three children (Terry, Randy and Keith), and brother-in-law Dennis Basta.

He is survived by his sister Margaret Basta and her children (his nieces and nephews) Mike (Dee) Basta and their children/grandchildren, Alan (Liu) Basta and their children, Shannon May and her children, Ray (Kris) Basta and their children/grandchild, Jean (Jim Temple) Basta and their children, Joel (Jamie) Basta and their children and Cole (Michelle) Basta and their children.

Memorials are suggested to the Glendive Public Library. Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Cemetery

Savage, MT 59262

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **10**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

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## Life Tribute Service

APR **10**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Emmet Fred Mickelson*

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December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Grace Koffler Evinrude lit a candle in memory of Emmet Fred Mickelson*



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**Grace Koffler Evinrude** - April 16, 2022 at 11:25 AM



“ *Mike & Carol Wolff lit a candle in memory of Emmet Fred Mickelson*



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**Mike & Carol Wolff** - April 08, 2022 at 11:54 PM



“ 57 files added to the album LifeTributes



Silha Funeral Home - April 06, 2022 at 04:07 PM

BS

“ Thinking of you with prayers as you share the loss of Freddie He did so well over the years facing the injuries of his accident. Miss seeing him at CCs working on the crossword puzzles.



Betty Shearer - April 06, 2022 at 10:40 AM

PO

“ My sincere sympathy at the death of Fred.He was always a fixture in the Lindsay community. May peace be with you.  
Patsy Harvey Olmstead

Patsy Harvey Olmstead - April 05, 2022 at 06:35 PM

LI

“ *Sending prayers to Fred's family  
Gary & Lynn Ingraham*



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**Lynn Ingraham** - April 04, 2022 at 05:06 PM

BM

“ *Margaret and Family,  
So sorry to hear of Fred's passing. He was such kind hearted soul.  
Enjoyed his visits at the Book n Bear.  
Pat and Brenda*

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**Brenda Mischel** - April 04, 2022 at 02:44 PM

DB

“ *Please accept our condolences on the loss of  
Fred.*



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**Dale & Alisa Boehning** - April 04, 2022 at 01:55 PM

GG

“ *Margaret, and family,*

*I was saddened to hear of the passing of Freddie, seems like yesterday we were kids working in your folks fields, I have many memories of Freddie; he was always so kind and patient bringing your MOM to our house to visit, after your Dad passed. I remember him learning to drive and how anxious he was drive..*

*Please know I keep you and your family tucked in my heart of wonderful memories!!*

*gloria guffey (punky)*

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gloria j guffey - April 03, 2022 at 02:35 PM

GG

“ *Gloria J Guffey lit a candle in memory of Emmet Fred Mickelson*



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gloria j guffey - April 03, 2022 at 02:28 PM

GG

“ *Dear Margaret, and family,*

*So sorry to hear/read of Freddy's passing, seems like only a a very short time ago, we where working together on your folk's hay fields and grain fields.....Time has passed by without forgetting the "Good Ole Days"!! Freddy was always so good about bringing your MOM to the house to visit with my MOM...Please know you and your family remain tucked in the memories of my heart!! Gloria Guffey,(punkie)*



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gloria j guffey - April 02, 2022 at 01:42 PM

SH

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. Fred was always fun to visit with at the Coffee Den. I always called him Honey as he always had his bottle of honey for his coffee. My thoughts of with your family.*

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**Susan Howe** - April 01, 2022 at 03:04 PM

RR

*Fred would race Ronnie Granmoe and Sherald Remmich to High School every day*

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**Ray Remmich** - April 04, 2022 at 04:46 PM