



## Eugene Staggs

April 2, 1926 - November 24, 2019

\*\*\*\*\*Due to weather conditions the funeral services for Eugene have been postponed. Please check back for further updates. If you have any questions please call us at 406-377-2622.\*\*\*\*\*

Eugene Staggs, age 93, of Wibaux, Montana passed away on Sunday, November 24, 2019 at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker, Montana. Eugene Lewis Staggs was born April 2, 1926 in Glendive Montana, the son of W.L. and Pearl (McClain) Staggs of Wibaux.

Eugene better known as Gene or Hayseed was educated in Wibaux County and graduated in 1945.

Gene married Mae Belle Balducke on July 12, 1953 at the Church of the Nazarene in Sidney, Montana. They started their life together on his father's homestead north of Wibaux. They were blessed with four children Gloria, Nancy, Timothy and Lonna.

Gene was an avid learner and taught himself mechanics, electrical wiring and new ways to farm. His knowledge was incredible in many disciplines. Gene could fix just about anything that was broke and spent his talents on neighbors and friends. Gene learned how to wire from a book that he bought for 25 cents. He applied his knowledge by wiring many homes in Wibaux County. He was quick to help someone in need and taught his children the value of honesty and hard work. Gene was like a human calculator, he could figure in

his head and spit out the answer before you could grab your calculator.

Gene had an amazing attitude and his quick wit was soon to light up any room that he was in. Gene was respected by all that knew him. He was willing to share his knowledge and served on several boards including, Farmers Mutual Fire and Lightening Insurance Company, Wibaux Cooperative Elevator, Wibaux County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Golden West Electric Cooperative, Wibaux County Elementary School Board and Wibaux County Fair Board.

Gene was a great friend to many but for a few, an entire lifetime. This is a man you could pattern your life after. He lived his life according to his beliefs and it was visible with everything that he did. He made sure his family was taken care of and made his mark in this world by helping others.

He was preceded in death by his parents W.L. and Pearl Staggs; one older infant brother William Staggs; and his wife of nearly 50 years, Mae Belle Staggs.

Gene is survived by his children Gloria Nelson (C.D.) of Wibaux, Nancy Carpenter (Rocky) of Sidney, Timothy Staggs of Wibaux, Lonna Gustafson (Jody) of Glendive; grandchildren Terry Carpenter (Wendy), Ryen Carpenter (Kaitlyn), Brady Carpenter (Jessica), Jenna Gustafson Ervin (Colton), Jade Gustafson; and great grandchildren Hadley and Lucille Carpenter.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Wibaux Cemetery

Wibaux, MT 59353

# Events

Details are pending.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eugene Staggs*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Silha Funeral Home** - March 09, 2020 at 06:00 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Gene was such a hard working, honest, gentle family man & a pillar of our community. He will be missed by all who knew him. May God give the family comfort.*  
*Diane Nelson*

**Diane Nelson** - November 30, 2019 at 12:13 PM

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“ Eugene treated my mom and dad, Walt and Ruth Sommerfeld, the very best. He helped them many times with kind acts of service, always, always, always with a smile. TVs and electricity stick in my mind but I'm sure there were many other things, too. I remember when I was a child going to Gene and MaeBelle's wedding in Sidney. I remember that Pearl Staggs called us when Nancy was born. I was the one who answered the phone so she left the message with me. It was big news! But I also remember when Gloria was born. I think I had left home with the younger two were born. You had a wonderful father who always was concerned for his neighbor. A great heritage. Be proud!  
Shirley Sommerfeld Binns

Shirley Binns - November 29, 2019 at 10:08 PM



“ 54 files added to the album Life Tributes



Silha Funeral Home - November 26, 2019 at 05:08 PM

PT

“ Our condolences to you Tim and family. Your dad was such a wonderful person, always upbeat and true integrity. I will always remember the first time I met Gene, a great first impression.  
Paul and Patricia Thompson

Paul Thompson - November 25, 2019 at 07:53 PM

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“ From Days&Bobbi LLC, The Jendro family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eugene Staggs.



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**From Days&Bobbi LLC, The Jendro family** - November 25, 2019 at 06:54 PM

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“ I have enjoyed getting to know Eugene over the last few years. He was a lot of fun to visit with and was always so positive about life and so proud of his children. I will remember him fondly and I love this picture with the bike!  
Angie Hagen

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**Angie** - November 25, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eugene Staggs.



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November 25, 2019 at 12:13 PM

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“ Carol Hanson lit a candle in memory of Eugene Staggs



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**Carol Hanson** - November 25, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ So sorry to hear that Gene has passed away,i will miss his stories and sense of humor that he had, he was a wonderful man that I have known all of my life

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**Bob Rogers** - November 25, 2019 at 01:46 AM

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“ Bob Rogers lit a candle in memory of Eugene Staggs



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**Bob Rogers** - November 25, 2019 at 01:44 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene Staggs.



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November 24, 2019 at 10:45 PM