



Francis Jay Bartels

June 18, 1936 - October 28, 2020

Francis Jay Bartels, 84, passed from this life to the next on October 28, 2020 with his family around him. Francis was born in rural Adams County, North Dakota to Abraham Lincoln and Olive Irene (Ryam) Bartels. He was the fourth of 10 children. He attended country schools in Chandler Township. The whole family moved into Haynes, North Dakota, in 1948 where he attended school through the 8th grade, and received his G.E.D in the military. He served in the Army, in Germany. Upon his return, he joined the Mott National Guard where he served with a brother-in-law and numerous friends. This Unit was one of several that were activated in the early 60's. They spent the next 2 years partying at Fort Riley, Kansas.

He attended the North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton, N.D. for drafting. He was very proud of the fact he could draw a straight line in his younger years. He was full of mischief from a young age and many stories have been told of his escapades, from playing pranks on his siblings, to "giving everyone a bad time"; he never met a stranger. He worked lots of different jobs throughout adulthood: drafting for the state of North Dakota, a weigh station attendant, ranch and farm hand, cook, and his greatest joy, being a "nanny" to his grandson, Chuck.

He moved into the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in June of 2016, and decided he was "home". He enjoyed teasing with the staff, and liked it even better when they teased back; enjoyed visiting with other residents and meeting people from all over the United States and abroad.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille, Haynes, N.D.; his son, Robin (Sharon) Bartels, Victor, MT; his daughter Mary Jo "MJ" (Robert) Marx, Glendive, MT; Grandsons Chad Van Horn, Paso Robles, CA; Kyle (Alicia) Van Horn, Billings, MT; Chuck McPherson, Lemmon, SD; and Granddaughter Rachael (Kris) Davalos, Great Falls, MT. 4 sisters, 1 brother, 7 great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Abe and Olive, 2 brothers, John, and "Skip" and 2 sisters, Alice Lee, and Janice Barone.

Cremation has taken place and private family services will be held at a later time. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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

Tribute Wall



“ Francis Jay Bartels

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



Katherine Galvez

“ Katherine Galvez lit a candle in memory of Francis Jay Bartels



Katherine Galvez - December 01, 2020 at 11:31 PM



“ Tim & Cheri Delaney lit a candle in memory of Francis Jay Bartels



Tim & Cheri Delaney - November 07, 2020 at 09:48 PM



“ I got to see him the middle of February. Four of us would have cake and ice cream once a month at the VET's home. We just loved him!!!



Dixie Justice - November 04, 2020 at 07:42 PM

KC

“ Karen Clement lit a candle in memory of Francis Jay Bartels



Karen Clement - November 01, 2020 at 09:37 PM

JL

“ Janette Legato sent a virtual gift in memory of Francis Jay Bartels



Janette Legato - November 01, 2020 at 12:09 PM

IM

“ Irene Merck lit a candle in memory of Francis Jay Bartels



Irene Merck - October 31, 2020 at 03:13 PM

TE

“ Trish Emly lit a candle in memory of Francis Jay Bartels



Trish emly - October 30, 2020 at 07:09 PM

LI

“ *Linda lit a candle in memory of Francis Jay Bartels*



Linda - October 30, 2020 at 05:16 PM

LS

“ *Linda Schuler lit a candle in memory of Francis Jay Bartels*



Linda Schuler - October 30, 2020 at 04:57 PM