



Gary Kunick

February 17, 1948 - January 10, 2021

Gary Kunick, age 72, formerly of Glendive, Montana and Fort Peck, Montana, passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at his daughter and family's home in Shepherd, Montana with all of his family with him. He had suffered from Parkinson's and had heart failure as a result. He had been hospitalized in Billings for the last month. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Gary was born on February 17, 1948 in Beach, North Dakota, a son of Andrew and Elsie (Feldmann) Kunick. Gary's family moved to Billings when he was very young where he attended grade school until the third grade. They then moved to Glendive because of his dad's employment. Gary was the oldest of four boys and had a lot of responsibilities in helping not only with the younger brothers, but helping provide his dad with the extra muscle needed as his dad recovered from a serious work-related injury. Gary took on the responsibility of working as needed to make sure the family would have all their needs met. The word "can't" wasn't in his vocabulary, but "let's get it done" was! He continued with this work ethic as he started working in gas stations, on dairy farms, ranches, and even at teen drive-ins, and eventually in the oilfields of Montana and North Dakota.

Gary was united in marriage to Sheila Wenz in 1968 in Glendive, they took their high school dating years into a marriage of almost fifty-three years. Three months after marrying, Gary was drafted into the U.S. Army and after completing basic and advanced infantry training, he was sent to fight in the

Vietnam War as a sniper with the 101st Airborne Division "Screaming Eagles." Gary had earned numerous rifle marksman badges during this time and additional specialized training. As a strong and capable pontoon leader, he was soon promoted to rank of staff sergeant. After his discharge in 1970, Gary went to work at Western Oil Well Service. After Western Oil was sold and dissolved, Gary worked for other companies until he bought and re-established Western Oil Well Co. After several years, Gary sold out and after forty years of being in the oilfield, they retired to his beloved cabin at the lake at Fort Peck Dam, Rock Creek Cabin area. While there they made some of the best friendships possible. Gary enjoyed fishing and the coffee sessions with Mike, Ron and Mal and any others who stopped by. Both Sheila and Gary had many social gatherings that resulted in some great cards and dice games and potlucks. Trips with the gang to the marina either by boat or car was always on the list of fun things as well. Gary was so proud of his grandchildren and never grew tired of just sitting on the deck watching them enjoy his little piece of Heaven.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Andy and mother, Elsie.

Survivors include wife Sheila of Fort Peck, MT; son Douglas and his wife Kelly and daughter Caitlin of Glendive; daughter Kamee and her husband Chad Hasler and their children Josie and Brett of Shepherd, MT; brothers, Rex and his wife Sheila Kunick and their children Josh and Jessie of Glendive, Pat and his wife Barb Kunick and sons Andrew and Kurt Int-hout of Glendive, and Bruce Kunick and family of Washington; Sister-in-laws, Patty and her husband Dave Winchell and son Alex of Glendive, MT and Kathi Wenz and son Brad of Helena; and brother-in-law Gerald Mickelson of Glendive, MT. He loved and cherished his special family. Our oldest granddaughter, Caitlin, said, "My Papa was self-less and the biggest fighter I knew. Papa wanted me to be the best person I can be and while I can no longer hear him, I know he can hear me, so I will continue to remind him how much I loved him and how much he meant to me."

A celebration of Gary's life will be held later at his home at Fort Peck Lake in

July.

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

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Kunick

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ Your on our minds and in our prayers!



Bob and Dixie Justice - January 27, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers.

Mike & Amy Schock - January 21, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ Prayers go out to the family of Gary, May the memories help in the days ahead



Eileen and Vern Entzel - January 21, 2021 at 04:37 PM

LS

“ *LaNette Simonton lit a candle in memory of Gary Kunick*



LaNette Simonton - January 20, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ *Diane Crockett lit a candle in memory of Gary Kunick*



Diane Crockett - January 18, 2021 at 03:18 PM

TK

“ *So sorry to hear this. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Tom and Sheryl Killham - January 16, 2021 at 10:23 AM

SB

“ *Sorry to hear of Gary passing. Prayers and thought to all families.*



Sharon Bain - January 15, 2021 at 03:18 PM

MA

“ Sheila, Doug and Kami - My thoughts and prayers are with you all - May all your memories guide you through the tough days. Mandy

Mandy - January 15, 2021 at 11:08 AM

MK

“ Mary Kutzler lit a candle in memory of Gary Kunick



Mary Kutzler - January 15, 2021 at 02:15 AM

EE

“ Sheila and family So sorry to hear about Gary. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Hope all the good memories will help in the days ahead

Eileen and Vern Entzel - January 14, 2021 at 09:02 PM

DS

“ Sheila and family we are so sorry to hear about Gary. Our hearts go out to all of you during this difficult time.

Dave & Donna Seborg - January 14, 2021 at 08:05 PM

DS

“ Dave & Donna Seborg lit a candle in memory of Gary Kunick



Dave & Donna Seborg - January 14, 2021 at 07:58 PM

DS

“ Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Gary Kunick



Denise Stoddart - January 14, 2021 at 07:38 PM

GK

“ Sheila and family, Gary and I are so sorry for your loss. He was a great guy and will be missed by all those who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Gary and Karen Kampschorr - January 14, 2021 at 02:48 PM

DZ

Sheila and family, we are so sorry to hear about Gary. We still talk about seeing you guys at the boat ramp at Ft Peck and Gary wiping down that boat as soon as he had it out of the water. He used to drive around the loop to check things out. We will miss seeing him. You all take care and God bless you. Prayers for comfort and peace.

Don and Penny Zimmerman - January 14, 2021 at 09:20 PM

RB

“ Rick Berg lit a candle in memory of Gary Kunick



Rick Berg - January 14, 2021 at 02:40 PM

BO

“ *Brandi Ollerman lit a candle in memory of Gary Kunick*



Brandi Ollerman - January 14, 2021 at 12:31 PM

NT

“ *Sheila and family I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a great guy and loved his family very much. If there is anything I can do Sheila please let me know. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Hugs.*



Noreen Turnquist - January 14, 2021 at 12:20 PM

PF

“ *Pat Feldmann lit a candle in memory of Gary Kunick*



pat Feldmann - January 14, 2021 at 11:38 AM

GE

“ *Grace Koffler Evinrude lit a candle in memory of Gary Kunick*



Grace Koffler Evinrude - January 14, 2021 at 09:20 AM

Jane
Jarvis

“ *Jane Jarvis lit a candle in memory of Gary
Kunick*



Jane Jarvis - January 13, 2021 at 11:38 PM

MH

“ *Marvin And Sue Howe lit a candle in memory
of Gary Kunick*



Marvin and Sue Howe - January 13, 2021 at 07:12 PM

MS

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Kunick family.
Prayers,
Lars & Mary Scarpholt*

Mary Scarpholt - January 13, 2021 at 10:52 AM

PR

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a good man and
leaves a big void i am sure. My sincere condolences to Sheila and
all the family.*

Pat Reynolds - January 13, 2021 at 10:09 AM

BB

“ *I'm so sorry, Sheila.*



Bonnie Broeder - January 12, 2021 at 10:25 PM

SB

“ *Sheila and family,
Deepest sympathy for you and your family. Prayers that the Lord will
comfort and strengthen you in the days ahead.*

Sheila Butler - January 12, 2021 at 09:44 PM

MC

“ *I will always wish this friend would have entered my life sooner, and
stayed longer. Such a great , kind, and caring man.*

Mike Cassidy - January 12, 2021 at 07:14 PM

RM

“ *Ron & MJ lit a candle in memory of Gary
Kunick*



Ron & MJ - January 12, 2021 at 03:22 PM

CK

“ *the best* ❤️



Caitlin Kunick - January 12, 2021 at 12:40 PM

AA

“ *Sheila, I was so sorry to hear of Gary's death and so soon after you lost your Mom. May God's peace fill your days with strength and hope. I know you will miss him and the life you shared. Avis Anderson*

Avis Anderson - January 12, 2021 at 01:37 AM

JL

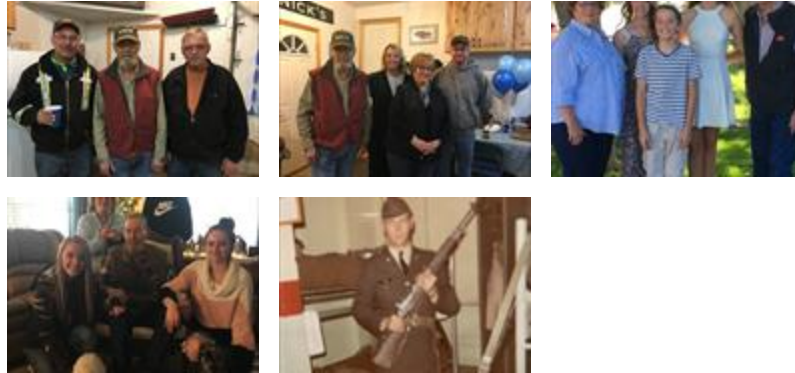
“ *Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of Gary Kunick*



Janette Legato - January 11, 2021 at 10:11 PM

KK

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Kelly Kunick - January 11, 2021 at 09:35 PM

NH

“ Nancy Hafla lit a candle in memory of Gary Kunick



Nancy Hafla - January 11, 2021 at 08:44 PM

CH

“ Sheila and family. so sorry for you loss. Take each day one at a time and the good Lord will take care of your family. Remember all the good times that you had together. Gary fly high with angels and soar like an eagle looking for that big fish.

Carol Hanson

Carol Hanson - January 11, 2021 at 05:20 PM

CH

“ *Carol Hanson lit a candle in memory of Gary Kunick*



Carol Hanson - January 11, 2021 at 05:15 PM

PR

“ *Sheila and Family,
I am so very sorry. I have so many fun and interesting (and trying lol) memories of Gary. He was truly one of a kind.
Hugs and Prayers,
Pam Rice*

Pam Rice - January 11, 2021 at 04:43 PM

VK

“ *Val Kuntz lit a candle in memory of Gary Kunick*



Val Kuntz - January 11, 2021 at 03:38 PM

SC

“ *So sorry to hear about Gary. Prayers for peace and strength for the family. Cherish your memories!
Arvid & Sherry Corneliusen*

Sherry Corneliusen - January 11, 2021 at 03:02 PM

LF

“ So sorry for your loss Sheila. You and your family are in my thought and prayers at this sad time.



Linda Frank - January 11, 2021 at 03:17 AM

CK

“ I love you forever Papa, you were everything I could've ever asked for as a role model. Chase those sunsets and catch those massive fish❤️



Caitlin Kunick - January 10, 2021 at 10:35 PM

JS

“ Jim & Donna Latka Stanfill lit a candle in memory of Gary Kunick



Jim & Donna Latka Stanfill - January 10, 2021 at 09:51 PM

HF

“ HEATH& JAMIE CRAIG & Family lit a candle in memory of Gary Kunick



HEATH& JAMIE CRAIG & family - January 10, 2021 at 09:31 PM

BT

“ Gary's Family! I'm so sorry to hear about Gary. He was such a good person couldn't ask for a better boss at Western Oil Well! Cherish your Memories And Hold Them Close they will help get you through the difficult days ahead!

He'll have a Great Time Fishing and Boating in Heaven!
RIP Gary!



Becky Tipton - January 10, 2021 at 07:29 PM