



Gary Lee Sodt

September 2, 1942 - March 22, 2023

Gary L. Sodt, age 80 of Richey, Montana, passed away on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive, Montana. A Memorial Service will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Richey with Pastor Paul Sponheim officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Gary Lee Sodt Sr. was born September 2, 1942, in Elgin, Illinois. He was the oldest son of William and Betty (Carlson) Sodt. He was raised in Elgin and attended Elgin High School. Growing up Gary spent a lot of time in Minnesota at his aunt Millie's farm. At 21 years old in 1963, Gary Sodt married the love of his life, Sally Wood at First Methodist Church in Elgin, IL.

They lived in the Elgin area until moving to St. Charles, Illinois in 1968 where he started his business Dunn Rite Drywall, a trade he loved and taught to his firstborn son. He was proud that his son carried on with the business.

In 1982, Gary moved the family to Richey, Montana where they resided together until 2009 when Sally lost her battle with cancer. Prior to owning the Stockman bar for nineteen years in Richey, Gary worked and managed the CQ and Carters Bar in Lambert. He loved the communities of Richey and Lambert; he was a member of the Richey Saddle Club and loved to help his neighbors gather cattle horseback. He also ran a small cattle operation with his youngest son Greg.

Gary loved all types of animals, especially his horses and more recently a stray tom cat. A passion he got from Sally, who took in more than just stray

cats but also raccoons and Gary himself. Gary was also well known for his love of mowing. He oftentimes could be found cruising down the streets of Richey scouting for unmowed lawns and a conversation.

In more recent years Gary and his girlfriend Sheryl became snowbirds, traveling to Port Charlotte, Florida, and Apache Junction, Arizona to enjoy the warmer climates away from the Montana winters. Returning to Montana for summers, they could be found at Rock Creek Marina, charming the residents on the side-by-side. One favorite memory of Sheryl's is their Mardi Gras experience in New Orleans, Louisiana.

In all his life, Gary was constantly doing one thing or another, he never let the grass grow beneath him, in the figurative and literal sense. He was one in a billion, and he will be truly missed. Gary has been described as 'one of the last superstars', his one-of-a-kind personality and sense of humor will live on through his children and grandchildren.

Gary was preceded in death by his wife Sally, his two brothers William Jr. and James, his parents William and Betty, and one grandson Matthew (Matt) Mavity. Survivors include one daughter, Michelle Marie Lobdell, and her husband Cody of Hysham, Montana; two sons, Gary Lee Sodt Jr. and his wife Jan of Hampshire, Illinois, and Greg Lee Sodt and his wife Tracey of Richey, Montana; eight grandchildren: Matt (deceased), Dustin, Gage, Peyton, Gary, Kody, Jess, and Joe; and eight great-grandchildren, Shannah, Madison, Kylee, Tripp, Luxx, Vera, Trey, and Violet.

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (MT)

Christian & Missionary
315 S 4th St
Richey, MT 59259
(406) 773-5548

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.* ”



March 27, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.* ”



March 27, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.* ”



March 27, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ *Love, Steve and Deb Bergeron purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.* ”



Love, Steve and Deb Bergeron - March 27, 2023 at 09:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.*



March 26, 2023 at 10:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.*



March 26, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ *Michelle I so sorry for your loss! Cherish your memories!*
Becky Tipton

Becky Tipton - March 26, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ *Marlene Gehnert lit a candle in memory of Gary Sodt*



Marlene Gehnert - March 26, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.*



March 26, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.*



March 26, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.*



March 26, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.*



March 26, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of Gary Sodt*



Andeen Raymond - March 25, 2023 at 02:19 PM

LB

“ *LOU & IOYCE bEDNOWICZ purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.*



LOU & IOYCE bEDNOWICZ - March 24, 2023 at 10:53 PM



“ *Toni Schultz lit a candle in memory of Gary Sodt*



Toni Schultz - March 24, 2023 at 06:22 PM

WW

“ *Woody Kathy Woodyard lit a candle in memory of Gary Sodt*



Woody and Kathy Woodyard - March 24, 2023 at 12:15 PM

RW

“ RDO Equipment Williston purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.



RDO Equipment Williston - March 24, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.



March 24, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.



March 24, 2023 at 12:35 AM

CJ

“ His kind soul and gentle smile will be missed. I had the pleasure of being one of his nurses over the past few months. He always had a smile and a story to tell. Rest in Peace Gary.

Christina Jare - March 23, 2023 at 11:47 PM

RP

“ Met Gary many years ago in Lambert when he first moved there and you couldn't find a better guy. We always had fun teasing each other. He will be missed. Happy trails Gary . Ron and Gin

Ron Prevost - March 23, 2023 at 11:29 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.



March 23, 2023 at 11:11 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.



March 23, 2023 at 10:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Sodt.



March 23, 2023 at 09:17 PM