



George "Lee" Leland Hostetler

March 7, 1934 - May 26, 2021

George (Lee) Hostetler, age 87, of Glendive, went home to be with our Lord on Wednesday, May 26 at 12:05 am at his home after a week in the hospital followed by a short time of hospice care.

He was born in the Bloomfield area where the family moved from place to place, settling for a time in South Valley, a cross-in-the-road northeast of Bloomfield where his dad operated a blacksmith shop. He went through several years of his education in the South Valley School ending his formal education with eight grades, but later completing his GED.

He worked for a number of farmers in the Bloomfield area for several years. During this time he met and married Verna M. Sturgis on June 2, 1954 and exactly one year later had the first of five boys.

They moved into Glendive when he began working for GTA elevator and soon found himself driving up and down the road hauling grain, feed and whatever else needed hauling. His trucking career spanned most of five decades and several million miles without a serious accident. Following his retirement from trucking he began driving activity bus for the high school where he was beloved by the kids he hauled around.

George loved the outdoors and especially spending time at Fort Peck Lake.

Early-on, family summer vacations were planned there with multiple trips each year for fishing, swimming, waterskiing and fellowship. The last trip that George made to the lake was August 2020.

George is survived by his wife Verna of Glendive; five sons Norman (Sue), Craig (Dea), Bryan (Joyce) of Glendive, Jody (Erin) of Charleston, SC and Jeff (Toni) of Bismarck, ND; two sisters Mildred Johnson of Terry, MT, Shirley Yoder of Wolford, ND; two brothers, Lyle Hostetler of Helena, MT, Don (MaryAnn) Hostetler of Bozeman, MT; 16 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his father Edward, mother Violet Hostetler, his brother Bob and two grand-sons Thomas and Zach.

George will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Visitation will be Monday, May 31 from 5 – 8 pm. at Silha Funeral Home in Glendive.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday June 1 at 11:00 am at the Red Top Church east of Bloomfield with Pastor Darrell Nefzger officiating. Interment will follow at the Red Top Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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

Cemetery Details

Red Top Cemetery

Bloomfield, MT 59315

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Funeral Service

JUN 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Red Top Church

Tribute Wall



“ *George "Lee" Leland Hostetler*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



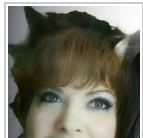
“ *Still can't believe your gone. I'm going to miss visiting you.*

Nina Zamora - August 30, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ *I will always be your Ninnie Winnie!! I will love and miss you so much. I always loved going to visit you on are trips to Montana. Love you grandpa. <3*

Nina Zamora - July 12, 2021 at 12:58 AM



“ *Kymber Allen lit a candle in memory of George "Lee" Leland Hostetler*



Kymber Allen - June 17, 2021 at 04:20 AM

CT

“ I remember him always greeting me when I'd get on the bus in the morning for high school events! He was such a kind soul! I remember him always asking my mom how I was even after I graduated and when he'd see me he always visited with me and caught up for a few minutes and he'd always end our conversation with take care! He's going to be missed and im going to his this great soul! RIP George

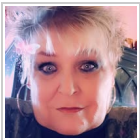
Christina Tennant - May 31, 2021 at 09:11 AM



“ Sue Hostetler lit a candle in memory of George "Lee" Leland Hostetler



Sue Hostetler - May 29, 2021 at 12:50 PM



“ THIS WAS IS MY FATHER IN LAW I JUST WANT TO SAY IN THE 44 YEARS I HAVE KNOWN THIS MAN I HAVE NEVER EVER HEARD HIM RAISE HIS VOOC E ARE SAY ANYTHING BAD ABOUT ANYONE, THE KINDEST PERSON I HAVE EVER MET IN MY LIFE . THERE WILL NEVER BE ANTHOR GEORGE HOSTETLER..

Sue Hostetler - May 29, 2021 at 12:49 PM

LG

“ I worked with George at GTA feeds in the 80's. (Glendive) A good trucker and many many miles on the road transporting bagged feed and grain. My condolences to his family. Laura Grzanic Belfield, ND

Laura Grzanic - May 28, 2021 at 02:39 PM

VP

“ *Our deepest condolences to you and your family!*



Virginia & Kelly Pulse - May 28, 2021 at 01:43 PM

DZ

“ *Craig and Dea and family, our sincere condolences on your loss.*



Don and Penny Zimmerman - May 28, 2021 at 08:59 AM

SD

“ *George was such a kind man. We loved it when he drove our bus for choir events. He reminded me so much of my own Dad with his quick wit and ready smile. He was a gem and will be missed. Our condolences....*

Scott and Darcy Duke

Scott and Darcy Duke - May 28, 2021 at 05:38 AM

LR

“ *Verna and family, I am deeply sorry for your loss of Lee but rejoicing he is in heaven. He was such a wonderful man! Miss his smile and his sense of humor! We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.*

Lu Rathbun - May 27, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ *Tim Si lit a candle in memory of George "Lee" Leland Hostetler*



Tim Si - May 27, 2021 at 07:54 PM



“ *Will never forget all the memories we have together all our Denny's dinners when we lived in Texas! The time you road roller coasters at six flags!! Going down the ice slides in Alaska and almost knocking yourself out. You have always been in my life not sure how I'm gonna live without ya in it anymore. 43 years is a long time grandpa but not nearly long enough for me. Will sure miss your hugs when I come to visit. Love you so very much.*

heidi sifuentes - May 27, 2021 at 07:24 PM



“ *Love you Uncle Lee! You always had a great sense of humor which I loved. You will be missed by all.*



Jolene Sturgis Itami - May 27, 2021 at 06:54 PM



“ *John And Terra Doll lit a candle in memory of George "Lee" Leland Hostetler*



John and Terra Doll - May 27, 2021 at 10:40 AM

JS

“ *Jim & Donna Stanfill lit a candle in memory of George "Lee" Leland Hostetler*



Jim & Donna Stanfill - May 26, 2021 at 10:25 PM

CH

“ *Cheryl Haggerty lit a candle in memory of George "Lee" Leland Hostetler*



Cheryl Haggerty - May 26, 2021 at 08:40 PM