



Gerald "Dave" Dorwart

July 2, 1932 - October 31, 2018

Gerald "Dave" Dorwart, age 86, of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at his home in Glendive. Visitation will be held from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, November 5, 2018 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Francis Schreiber officiating. Rite of Committal with military honors will follow in Dawson County Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Dave was born on July 2, 1932 in Kimball, South Dakota, a son of Allen and Fern (Larsen) Dorwart. He was raised and educated in Kimball and graduated from Kimball High School with the class of 1950. Following his high school graduation he attended the South Dakota School of Mines for one year before enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1952. During his military service he was stationed at the Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado where he married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Joanne Konechne, on October 16, 1953. To this union three children were born: David Brett, Kevin Paul, and Rebecca Joanne. Dave was honorably discharged from military duty in October of 1956 and then he and Joanne moved back to South Dakota where Dave finished school. Dave graduated from the School of Mines in 1959 with a degree in mechanical engineering. The family then moved to Glendive where he began a thirty-five year career with MDU's P&T division, which is now known as WBI Energy. During his career he was honored in

1979 by the Jaycees as Boss of the Year and completed his career as vice president of operations for the company . Dave was always committed to his work and his employees but during his downtime he enjoyed carving duck decoys, working in his shop, and watching football games. Once retired he was able to spend more time doing those things, and he especially enjoyed going on cruises with Joanne. He was also very proud attending all of his grandkid's sporting events.

Dave was a member of the Elks Lodge, the Glendive Community Airport Commission, the Dawson College Board, and a past chairman for the Glendive Community Hospital Board.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Allen and Fern; his aunt, Rebecca Dorwart; and his mother- and father-in-law.

Dave is survived by his wife of sixty-five years, Joanne of Glendive; his three children, Brett (Connie) Dorwart of Fort Peck, Montana, Kevin (Shawna) Dorwart of Glendive, and Rebecca Dorwart of Bismarck, North Dakota; five grandchildren, Alicia, Jessica, Dakotah, Will, and Saige; three great-grandchildren, Gentry, Bryklyn, and Connley; and four brother- and sister-in-laws; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Those wishing to remember Dave through a memorial, please consider Glendive Medical Center Home Care Hospice or the charity of your choice. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Dawson County Cemetery

Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard
Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
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P.O. Box 848
Glendive, MT 59330
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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 5. 10:00 AM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
316 West Benham Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald "Dave" Dorwart*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Joanne, please know that my thoughts are truly with you and the family, May God Bless you all and bring you all peace and comfort. Sincerely, Tenley Toppins*

Tenley Toppins - November 11, 2018 at 05:06 PM

FB

“ Dear Joanne and Family,

I wanted to offer my condolences and sympathies to you and your wonderful family. My sister Edwina Boyles informed me of the death of Dave. Dave was a very good man and talented in ways that helped to build both community and infrastructure in and around Glendive, and beyond.

You can be very proud of the fact that the two of you raised a wonderful family in the Catholic faith. I trust that this faith will accompany you through your grief and be a much comfort knowing that this life, which we now live for our lord Jesus, will culminate in the resurrected life of Heaven. There we will see our loved ones again; and, we will love eternally the God Who created us and Who gave us our hope of eternal life.

I will be offering a Holy Mass for the peaceful Repose of the soul of Dave, and I will include in my intentions your own intentions and pray for the good of your entire family.

By the way, in case you have forgotten, I went to school with your son Kevin, a real gentleman, not unlike his own dear Dad. :-)

God bless you all.

In Christ, I am,

Father Basil Atwell, OSB

Monk and priest of Assumption Abbey in Richardton, and pastor of the Church of Saint Nicholas in Garrison North Dakota.

Father Basil - November 07, 2018 at 11:22 AM

EB

“ Our sincere sympathy to Joanne & family. Dave was a wonderful, kind man to work for with a great sense of humor; he touched many lives throughout his career. Dave was greatly missed when he retired from WBI. May his soul & all the souls for the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Edwina & Leon Boyles



Edwina Boyles - November 05, 2018 at 10:37 AM

CS

“ CDHS Board and staff purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Gerald "Dave" Dorwart.



CDHS Board and staff - November 03, 2018 at 04:00 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gerald "Dave" Dorwart.



November 02, 2018 at 01:54 PM

BK

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dave's entire family in this difficult time. I have many fond memories of Dave at the P&T. He was a great leader and role model for us all.

Bill & Aileen Kickert

Bill Kickert - November 02, 2018 at 12:41 PM

JL

“ Jody Lee lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Dave" Dorwart



Jody Lee - November 02, 2018 at 11:53 AM

PZ

“ Our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Dave's family.



Penny and Don Zimmerman - November 02, 2018 at 06:49 AM

DS

“ Donna Stanfill lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Dave" Dorwart



Donna Stanfill - November 01, 2018 at 10:42 PM

SD

“ *Our condolences to the entire family. May God give you peace and comfort in this time of grieving.*
Scott and Darcy Duke

scott and darcy duke - November 01, 2018 at 09:52 PM

CP

“ *So sorry to read of your family's loss. Cherish all the fond memories.*

Cherise Patterson - November 01, 2018 at 07:49 PM

KS

“ *Karen Schock lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Dave" Dorwart*



Karen Schock - November 01, 2018 at 03:09 PM

CD

“ *What a loving and charming fellow Dave was. I always enjoyed visiting with him and loved his sense of humor. May all of your special memories bring you a sense of comfort and peace.*

Carole J. Diede - November 01, 2018 at 03:03 PM

LS

“ *Our memories of Dave go back to the early 70's when Dave hired John. I was working for P & T also at that time. He was such a caring person. Always a "hello" in the halls if he saw you. Our thoughts & prayers go out to his family. Lana & John Sanders*

Lana (Mathison) Sanders - November 01, 2018 at 11:36 AM

KR

My heartfelt condolences on your loss. I have many fond memories of Dave and know mom and dad thought the world of him. In reading about his life, he was born only 3 days after dad and Joanne you and Dave married about 6 weeks after my folks. Such great long time friends. Sorry mom and I can't attend the service. Thoughts are with you.

Kristi Bergland Ragar - November 03, 2018 at 10:01 PM

BT

*“ Forward Family I'm so sorry for your loss!
Cherish your Memories and Hold them close they will help get you
through the difficult days ahead.
Becky (Chouinard) Tipton*

Becky Tipton - November 01, 2018 at 12:22 AM