



## Gerald Hoffer

March 27, 1948 - July 25, 2014

Gerald Wayne Hoffer, age 66, of Glendive, Montana passed away on Friday, July 25, 2014 at his home in Glendive. Visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. and from 6:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Prayer Service will be at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at the Silha Funeral Home. A Funeral Service will be at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at the Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor James Hageman officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery with a reception to follow at the Moose Lodge. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Gerald Wayne Hoffer was born March 27, 1948 in Terry, Montana, the first son of Erwin and Elnora (Selzle) Hoffer. He grew up on the family ranch and was educated in Prairie County, attending elementary school at the Strobel School and graduating from Terry High School in 1966. After high school, Gerald attended Dawson Community College before returning to the family ranch on Cabin Creek. On July 26, 1969, Gerald married Betsy Dukart and to this union two children were born: Stephanie and Vaughn. In 1971, Gerald and Betsy bought an irrigated farm outside of Fallon, raising corn and later sugar beets as well as custom feeding cattle. For several years, the family operated a dairy. During this time, the kids remember "vacations" to the Dawson County Fair because on a dairy farm there were no days off. In 1997, Gerald found his life's calling when he and Vaughn purchased the livestock auction market in Glendive, opening and operating Glendive Livestock Exchange. Gerald truly

loved Friday sale days in Glendive as well as every aspect of the cattle business.

Gerald served on the Buffalo Rapids Advisory Board during his time as an irrigated farmer and more recently was a member of the Glendive Stockman Bank Advisory Board. Gerald enjoyed following his children's and then his grandchildren's activities, playing cards, and discussing cattle. In later years, he and Betsy enjoyed trips to Las Vegas and the Sturgis Bike Rally. Two years ago, Gerald was diagnosed with Multiple System Atrophy. Gerald's family is extremely grateful to Evie Erickson and Lorraine Wynn for their help with Gerald's care so he could remain at home and also attend sale day to bid and buy cattle until the time of his death.

Gerald is survived by his wife, Betsy of Glendive; daughter, Stephanie (Gary) Anderson of Billings, Montana; son, Vaughn (Desiree) Hoffer of Glendive; four grandchildren: Mariah and Keaton Anderson, and Rhett and Quinn Hoffer; mother, Elnora Hoffer of Miles City, Montana; siblings, Gary (Robin) Hoffer of Ronan, Montana, Gloria (Chuck) Harzke of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Glenda Hoffer of Miles City, Georgiann (Jon) Davis of Rathdrum, Idaho, and Ginger (Karl) Mueller of Miles City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gerald was preceded in death by his father, Erwin; brother, Gordy; and nephew, Kirby.

Should friends desire, memorials in Gerald's name can be made to the Dawson County Fairgrounds Restroom Building Fund, 2200 N. Merrill Ave-Building 3, Glendive, Montana 59330 or the Dawson County 4-H Livestock Fund, 207 W. Bell, Glendive, Montana 59330.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at:  
[www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Dawson County Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 29. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home  
221 North Meade Avenue  
Glendive, MT 59330

## Visitation

JUL 29. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home  
221 North Meade Avenue  
Glendive, MT 59330

## Prayer Service

JUL 29. 7:00 PM (MT)

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221 North Meade Avenue  
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## Service

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JUL **30**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
322 North River Avenue  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Hoffer*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *To the Hoffer girls I knew best...Gloria and Ginger. I read with sadness Gerald's obituary several days ago. You are all such a tight and wonderful family, I grieve for you all during this time. I did not know Gerald well but learned of his greatness through Gloria and Ginger. Please feel my spiritual hugs coming your way. Hopefully we can be in touch in the near future. I would love to be of support to you all. Love, Bette Hiatt Payton.*

**Bette I. Payton** - August 10, 2014 at 05:53 PM



“ *To the Hoffer Family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers and thoughts to all.*

*Cindy Lund*

**Cindy Lund** - July 31, 2014 at 11:45 PM



“ *There are no words that can describe the loss you are feeling now. I am sorry. I so enjoyed working with Gerald and getting to know his fine character. He was a hard worker and a kind soul. My deepest sympathy.*

**Amy Temple** - July 30, 2014 at 10:15 PM

AT

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Gerald was such a hard worker. I so enjoyed getting to work with him and to know his character. My deepest sympathy to the whole family  
Amy Temple

Amy Temple - July 30, 2014 at 10:09 PM

LS

“ Lynnette Siegle lit a candle in memory of  
Gerald Hoffer



Lynnette Siegle - July 30, 2014 at 09:40 PM

CA

“ .  
Hoffer Family, you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Take comfort in your fun memories of Gerald and know he is in a better place.  
Sincerely, Darry & Candy Austby

Candy Austby - July 29, 2014 at 09:39 PM

SS

“ Betsy, So sorry to hear of the loss of Gerald. You have many, many memories that will remain with you forever. May you feel God's comfort and peace through this time. A friend from the past -- Sandi Corneliusen Stricker

Sandi Stricker - July 29, 2014 at 09:36 AM

GF

“ *Gail Siegle And Family lit a candle in memory of Gerald Hoffer*



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**Gail Siegle and family** - July 28, 2014 at 03:05 PM

GF

“ *My condolences to Aunt Elnora and all my cousins ,and to Betsy and ur wonderful family..To Betsy a big hug and thanks for loving and caring so much for Gerald. U went beyond what is expected for caring for a loved one.. U have a very supportive and caring family to get u thru this hard time.Thanks for making Gerald so comfortable in his time of pain. He was a good man with a big heart. U all r in my thoughts and prayers. God bless ur family....*

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**Gail Siegle and family** - July 28, 2014 at 03:02 PM

DS

“ *Donna Latka And Jim Stanfill lit a candle in memory of Gerald Hoffer*



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**Donna Latka and Jim Stanfill** - July 28, 2014 at 02:26 PM

EW

“ Just heard of Gerald's passing. Our sympathy to you all. He is free from pain and suffering. Thinking of you my dearest friend ,wish I could be there for you all. Sending thoughts and prayers to you all. Betsy here's a great big hug from me to you. Feel for you, but know he is in a better place. With HEARTFELT SYMPATHY .Danny and Esther Wollman.

Esther Wollman - July 28, 2014 at 02:10 PM

SW

“ Suzanne Wollman lit a candle in memory of Gerald Hoffer



suzanne wollman - July 28, 2014 at 02:06 PM

EW

“ Esther Wollman lit a candle in memory of Gerald Hoffer



Esther Wollman - July 28, 2014 at 02:00 PM

LT

“ Betsy and family, although I dont think I'd ever met Gerald- I just want to say how sorry I am for your loss. I too spent many hours at the Glendive Livestock Sales when Dad (Albert) used to work there and enjoyed every minute- this was of course many years ago! May peace be with your family.

Linda Latka Teets - July 28, 2014 at 11:35 AM

KM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Gerald's family. May you find peace and comfort in this time of loss. Kory and Michele Martinson

Kory and Michele Martinson - July 28, 2014 at 10:36 AM

DB

“ Dennis Cindi Byron lit a candle in memory of Gerald Hoffer



Dennis Cindi Byron - July 27, 2014 at 06:52 PM

GH

“ Thank you big brother for all the good childhood memories. Thank you for teaching me how to use a sling shot, shoot a BB gun, fling a calf during branding just to name a few things. But your biggest accomplishment was marrying the girl of your dreams, and ours!! You also have the best daughter, son and their families anyone can ever ask for!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Betsy, his family and all the caregivers for giving Gerald the best quality of life possible.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart!!

Love you much big brother, your sis Gloria

Gloria Harzke - July 26, 2014 at 08:47 PM

DW

“ So sorry for your loss, but know he is no longer suffering from that awful disease. He is now free to buy/sell cattle for the big boss. Let God comfort you & help you thru this most difficult time. Debbie Weyer

Debbie Weyer - July 26, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, Betsy and family, Love from A friend Dorothy Finneman*

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**Dorothy Finneman** - July 26, 2014 at 02:44 PM



“ *Our Condolences!*

*Christine, Todd, and Wes Koenig*

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**Todd Koenig** - July 26, 2014 at 02:53 AM