



## Gerald Schultz

January 7, 1954 - January 20, 2021

Gerald (Gerry) Craig Schultz, age 67, of Bloomfield, MT held his Heavenly Father's hand and left for Heaven on January 20, 2021. Visitation will be held from 6:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. with a Family and Friends service beginning at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services with military honors will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, January 25, 2021 at the Richey Alliance Church in Richey. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Gerry was born to Leon and Maurine (Simon) Schultz, January 7, 1954 in Glendive, MT, joining two older brothers, Robert and Loren. Gerry was then blessed with two younger siblings, Darrel and Taulee. The Schultz family moved from Glendive to Bloomfield to continue the family farming where his grandparents homesteaded. One of Gerry's fondest memories is of the foster girl, Toni, that Leon and Maurine cared for who was close to Gerry's age. Gerry attended Pleasant Valley and Fairview Rural Schools in elementary, later graduating from Richey High School in 1972. Gerry enjoyed many things during high school with plenty of comrades, including football, Student Council, and being plenty successful on his judo team. He talked fondly of all the ancestry, blacksmith shops, and farming that was a part of the Bloomfield community.

Gerry continued his education at Dawson Community College through 1973. In 1974, Gerry entered the U.S. Navy. During his time of service, he found himself aboard the USS Bainbridge as a radioman. This was the first

destroyer to enter the Persian Gulf. He told many stories of his naval journeys, and still more that we had yet to hear.

When he was discharged in 1977, Gerry moved to Laurel, MT. This is where he met the love of his life, Cori Lee Walton. They were married in Laurel in 1978. That year, Gerry and Cori moved to Helena, MT so Gerry could attend Helena Vo-Tech to earn his FCC License while he worked at the KXL TV Station. It was during this time that Gerry and Cori started their grand adventure of having children. In June of 1979, their first daughter, Toni, was born. Soon thereafter, Gerry reached his goal and began working for Burlington Northern Railroad in Aurora, IL. In 1980, Gerry transferred from Aurora to Mandan, ND. Three days later, Gerry and Cori were blessed with their second daughter, Angie, in June. Wanting to be closer to where he grew up, Gerry began another transfer to Glendive, MT. During this transition, Gerry and Cori's third daughter, Kelly, was born in Billings, MT, September of 1981. The family lived in Glendive while the girls were young. Gerry was a member of the ELKS, becoming the Exalted Ruler 1981-1985. The time came for Gerry to live at the family farm in Bloomfield. They settled into their forever home in the country in 1986. Gerry continued to work for BNSF as a foreman until his retirement in 2014.

Gerry had many hobbies. He was an avid pool player, teaching his girls to play on one of the first tables in the Glendive pool hall from the 1800s. He taught all his girls, his mother, and even some grandchildren to play Pinochle. Many laughs were had during card games of Up and Down. He patented his own game, "The Train Game", making his own molds and casting engines and train cars. He loved playing his acoustic guitars. He learned how to play classic Mahjong and had many good times with the tiles clicking. He raised tumbling pigeons, while working hard to keep the raccoons out, and even a 14 rattled rattlesnake. He enjoyed watching NASCAR. One of his biggest passions was learning and teaching about the stars and storm watching. Christmas mornings were meant to listen to the Vienna Children's Choir. Watching his girls and grandkids play basketball brought incredible memories.

He was truly a ROYAL man.

Beginning in 2000, Gerry had an idea to mow his farmyard into golfing greens and held his first annual Labor Day Golf Tournament. This tradition continued every year until his passing. The tournament brought family and friends together and made the best of times with good music, good drinks, good food, and fabulous memories. We will miss Gerry during this special weekend that he would put together for us all.

On June 14, 2007, on a beautiful spring day, the sky had a blue to it that you can only see in Montana. This is where Gerry's story of Private Peter Thompson, U.S. Cavalry, Company C began. A severe thunderstorm had brought floods to Cottonwood Creek. After the waters receded, Gerry and special friend, Jim Horner, came across the hand-typed manuscript of "Custer's Last Fight, The Experience of a Private Soldier in the Custer Massacre" by Peter Thompson. "Before me unfolded the most fascinating story I have ever read or watched. I could not put the story down. The more I read, the more I needed to keep going. As the Battle of the Little Bighorn took place before me, I was transformed. I listened to the words of Peter Thompson, and I understood him, I understood the battle, for I was there." What ensued afterwards, was Gerry's continued study of the battle. The Real Bird family personally invited him to participate in the reenactment at Gary Owen. He then became the Opening Narrator for every reenactment, visiting with guests from all over the world. Gerry was a living historian that travelled to many places to share history. Gerry participated in Chris Hoffert's movie, "Custer's Strategy of Defeat" ... coming soon. His LBH companions became family as he did to them.

Everyone Gerry's life touched, knows we have lost the most compassionate, intelligent, and influential gentleman. Cheers to you, Gerry! Until we meet again. Fly high with the angels.

Gerry is preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Maurine. Gerry is survived by his loving wife, Cori – Daughters: Toni Schultz (Jerod Lee), Angie

Schultz (Wesley Torgerson), Kelly (Brent Goosen) – Niece/Daughter: Marlie Hunt (Nate Pitcher) – Grandchildren: Mariah (Aaron), Desi, Jayden, Keaton, Taylor, Tanner, and London – Great-Grandchildren: Ariaah, Braylin, and Alayna. Brothers: Robert (Kathy), Loren, Darrel (Sharon) – Sister: Taulee (Mark)

A memorial service will be held at a later date for burial and Celebration of Life. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charitable organization of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 24. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana  
221 N. Meade Avenue  
P.O. Box 848  
Glendive, MT 59330  
(406) 377-2622  
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<https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com>

## Family & Friends Service

JAN 24. 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home  
221 North Meade Avenue  
Glendive, MT 59330

## Funeral Service

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (MT)

Richey Alliance Church  
Richey, MT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Silha Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald Schultz*



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**Silha Funeral Home** - January 23, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ *Gerald Schultz*

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December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences. From Robert and Althea Bennett and Arnold and Kathy Poth. Leon and Maureens neice and nephew from Greenwich OH. Lucilles children*

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**Robert Bennett** - February 15, 2021 at 07:49 PM



“ *Don Kautzmann lit a candle in memory of Gerald Schultz*



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**don kautzmann** - January 24, 2021 at 09:51 PM

DA

“ *The Schultz boys always had a connection with railroading. Bob started the layout in a basement room that would soon become the 'railroad room' and the model railroad would take up 1/3rd of the room by the time of completion.*

*Loren soon joined in with his artistic talents of backdrop paints, scale building construction and landscaping. Gerry lent a hand with the building of track layout and construction, most of the buildings and features of the model railroad were hand built.*

*The layout included mountain tunnels and a large tressle over the Royal Gulch and so the "Royal Gulch & Western" railroad was born. Gerry carried through his interest in railroading all through his lifetime.*

*After his tour with the Navy and some career training in Helena, he settled in the railroad town of Laurel and was working for Boise Cascade when he met Cori.*

*It wasn't long before the railroad bug got him again and he was working for BNSF Railway repairing all things electrical, from Railway communications to FRED.*

*He continued to use his pastime in the garage with a continuation of his model railroading. While working for the railroad, Gerry came up with the idea of a working railroad board game and went on to patent his invention.*

*I'm sure if Gerry had more time, he would have turned it into an interactive game for XBOX or PS3.*

*He could have been able to bring the Royal Gulch & Western Railroad to life.*

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Darrel - January 24, 2021 at 11:31 AM

PW

*Paul Wagner wishes to state that Gerry and I had some really nice visits after school board meetings. One time we visited until 7 am 😊. He was knowledgeable and quite experienced in technological matters. With his help and support we introduced Richey school to the new world of computers. Meeting him and working with him and getting to know him was a high point in my experience as superintendent at RHS. He was an all around good guy. Paul Wagner 🙏*

Paul Wagner - January 25, 2021 at 11:57 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Schultz.



January 23, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald Schultz.



January 23, 2021 at 12:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Schultz.



January 23, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gerald Schultz.*



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January 23, 2021 at 12:17 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald Schultz.*



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January 23, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald Schultz.*



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January 23, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *Mike, Anna, Alivia, Riley & Lucas Schultz purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gerald Schultz.*



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**Mike, Anna, Alivia, Riley & Lucas Schultz** - January 22, 2021 at 02:55 PM

BT

“ *Kory and Girls I'm sorry to hear of your loss!  
Cherish your Memories and Hold them Close  
they will help get you through the difficult days  
ahead!*



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**Becky Tipton** - January 21, 2021 at 06:33 PM