



## Gordon Gregg Klempel

April 12, 2018 - April 12, 2018

Gordon Gregg Klempel, age 75, passed away at his rural Bloomfield, Montana home on February 16, 2018 after a brief battle with cancer. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Richey, Montana with Pastor Paul Sponheim officiating. A private family interment with military honors will be held in Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive, Montana. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Gordon was born May 10, 1942 in Sidney, Montana. He was the second oldest of five children of Frank and Kathryn (Gregg) Klempel. He attended South Valley School northeast of Bloomfield and graduated from Dawson County High School in Glendive in 1960. Upon graduation, he worked seasonally in Colorado before joining the Army. Upon his completion of military service at Ft. Belvoir, VA, he briefly attended Montana State University in Bozeman before joining his parents in a farming/ranching operation where he later became a principal. In 1967, he married Ilene Sanders of Circle, MT. They were blessed with a daughter (Pamela) and son (Scott). Last June, Gordon and Ilene celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family while in Hawaii.

He was passionate about farming and ranching, especially during the spring and harvest seasons. He took many vacations with his family, having the opportunity to travel throughout North America, Asia, and Europe. Throughout his life and especially in his retirement years, he enjoyed caring for livestock,

hunting, flying his airplane, taking care of a large yard, woodworking, and spending time with his grandchildren. He enjoyed visiting with friends and family; he was a faithful volunteer at Eastern Montana Bible Camp and generously helped neighbors.

Gordon is survived by his wife Ilene; his daughter Pam (Bill) Cates of Castle Pines, CO; his son Scott of Nixa, MO; his four grandchildren, Payton Klempel, Paige Klempel, Jack Cates, and Ellyn Cates; his sister, Janice (Duane) Mullet of Sun Lakes, AZ; three brothers, Don (Debbie) of Glendive, MT, Tom (Marjorie) and Alan (Sherri), both of Bloomfield, MT. He was also loved by his many nieces, nephews, and cousins. His parents preceded him in death.

The family thanks the hospice staff for their services and Bill Holzworth, a lifetime friend and neighbor, for his enduring love and care.

Memorial donations are suggested to be given to Eastern Montana Bible Camp, c/o Connie Unruh, 431 Road 523, Bloomfield, MT 59315.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 21. 2:00 PM (MT)

Christian & Missionary Alliance Church  
Richey, MT 59259

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gordon Gregg Klempel*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Gordon always seemed to me such a good and Christian man. I am sure he is home now with Jesus. A good man , a good life and a great family!*

**Kevin McGovern** - April 14, 2018 at 10:34 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gordon Gregg Klempel.*



April 03, 2018 at 03:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gordon Gregg Klempel.*



March 29, 2018 at 10:09 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gordon Gregg Klempel.*



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March 29, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ *We are sad to hear of Gordon's passing. We will remember him for his sense of humor and the funny stories he told. Our condolences to his family.*  
*Charles and Carol Reisig*

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**Charles Reisig** - March 01, 2018 at 01:35 PM



“ *Gordon stopped in at the Fatzinger farm, from time to time, discussing farm/ranch-related happenings with Dad. There was usually some corny story, too, and his twinkling eyes to make the story better. Audree(Fatzinger) Dietz, Sequim, WA*

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**Audree Dietz** - February 28, 2018 at 09:49 AM



“ *Ilene, Pam, Scott, and family. So sorry for your lost. Gordie was one in a million. Many great memories. Especially fond of the early Saturday morning "buzzes" as he flew over the farmhouse and experiencing my first airplane ride. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

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**Peggy Christensen** - February 23, 2018 at 11:00 PM

KM

“ I loved being with Gord, so many hilarious memories and yet so many of his warm heart and care of others too. I will miss him. My heart goes out to Ilene, Pam, Scott, the grandchildren and all the many people who loved him and will miss him. Makes me smile to think of him in Heaven, have to wonder what he is up to. Love, Kari

Kari Mullet - February 21, 2018 at 02:05 PM

JD

“ Dear Klempel Family, we are heartbroken for your loss but know that your absence from Gord is temporary. He was an amazing man that left a wonderful legacy through his family. We are praying for you, The Dilorios

*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

*Psalm 34:18*

Julie Dilorio - February 21, 2018 at 02:01 PM

MR

“ I remember Gordon riding bus to Richey High, youth group and a good friend. My last visit was at my brothers services, last March. Sympathies to all his family.  
Marian Hafele Reidelbach

Marian Reidelbachfriend - February 21, 2018 at 12:57 PM

CD

“ Carole J. Diede lit a candle in memory of  
Gordon Gregg Klempel



Carole J. Diede - February 20, 2018 at 02:45 PM

LT

“ *Illene and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Gordon was one in a million. He will be missed by many in the community.*

Les and Virginia Tipton - February 20, 2018 at 01:18 PM



“ *Uncle Gord, Thank you for all the Love and Wnergy you shared with me and my family. The summers I spendt on the farm are still today some of the best memories I have. You and your family made a difference in my life.*

*Love and Energy for finding Peace and Comfort*

*Robert Rosendahl*

Robert Rosendahl - February 20, 2018 at 12:23 PM

DD

“ *Dan And Donna Dobson lit a candle in memory of Gordon Gregg Klempel*



Dan and Donna Dobson - February 18, 2018 at 07:53 PM

JB

“ *I am sorry for your loss Klempel family. Knowing that God is with you all giving comfort yet I am sorry for the sadness and broken hearts the passing of Gordon brings. Many great memories I have of his wit and sassiness that made him so unique. I treasure them. Prayers I send to you all.*

*Jo Bain*

Jo Bain - February 17, 2018 at 06:30 PM

JS

*Ilene, I am truly sorry for your loss. I always referred to Gordon as my cousin. His mom Katherine was my second cousin so he was either my second cousin once removed or third cousin. Our birthdays were 37 days apart - I am older. We graduated from DCHS together in 1960. I owned one of Klempel Incs tractors after he traded it off. I am sorry we never got together for Thanksgiving a couple years ago. He will be missed by many. You have my condolences. Jim Squires*

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**Jim Squires** - February 22, 2018 at 08:19 AM