



## Gordon Kolberg

April 30, 1928 - August 27, 2022

Gordon Kolberg, age 94 of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at the Eastern Montana Veteran's Home in Glendive. Family is planning time together privately at a future date. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with arrangements.

Gordon was born April 30, 1928, in Glendive MT to Jonas and Erna (Aschwega) Kolberg. The family homestead was located six miles west and south of Bloomfield. In 1942 the home place moved one mile north to the location it is today. Gordon's love of trees created a "forest on the prairie" as the Stephan brothers used to tease him. The home place was his pride and joy, and much blood, sweat and tears grew it to what it is today. Gordon was a trend setter in farming and ranching. He was always reading, researching, and attempting new ideas ahead of the field.

Gordon attended school just down the road at the Kolberg school, Bloomfield school and graduated from DCHS in 1946. He worked on the family during and after graduating high school. He enlisted in the army in 1951 during the Korean war.

Gordon married Gertrude Palen February 2, 1954. To this union arrived two daughters and four sons. Their lives were full of, laughter, boating outings with family friends, hunting and fishing trips and family vacations when they could. All was interwoven around work on the farm.

Gordon enrolled in a Dale Carnegie course in the 1960's enhancing his skills to be involved in many lifelong organizations in the community. Through the

years he was very engaged with many organizations. He served as Chairman/Director of the following organizations: Exchange State Bank, First Security Bank, Stockman Bank, Glendive Hospital, Grain Growers Elevator and DCHS School Board. Gordon was a life member of the Elks Club, Moose Club, American Legion and Frontier Gateway Museum. He also belonged to the Chamber of Commerce and Glendive Rod and Gun Club. He has been a member of Zion Lutheran Church for 60 years.

Gordon was a huge fan of MSU Bobcats, DCC Buccaneers and DCHS Red Devils. He is a Life Member of DCHS Red Devil Booster Club and donated steers to MSU Steer-A-Year Club for over a decade. He was a Buccaneer Booster Club Member for over 50 years. His love for the Buccaneers commenced in October of 2003 with the Dedication of Kolberg Field on the DCC campus. He was very proud to see his Baseball Brand on the scoreboard in centerfield. Gordon and son Guy were elated to throw the first pitches at the initial game played at Kolberg Field.

Gordon loved hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling outings enjoying these activities with friends and family members. The Montana Centennial Cattle Drive of 1989 found Gordon, his brother-in-law and lifelong friend Bob Stortz and daughter Cheryl saddling up to join in the celebration. He was quite proud of his steer "Oly" who made the "Drive" from Roundup to Billings.

Gordon is preceded in death by his mother, father, mother and father-in-law, son Brad, daughter Cindy, sister Bev Stortz, brothers-in-law Zene, Clifford and Harry Palen and sisters-in-law Harriet Free and Gail Knudson. He is survived by his wife Gertrude of 68 years, daughter Cheryl (Maggie Copeland), sons Greg and Guy (Cassy Haffner) all of Glendive and Darren (Crystal Turner) of Three Forks MT, sisters, Margie Ming of Sidney and Linda Comer of Elwood IN, brother-in-law Dar Palen (Janet Bidwell) of Stevensville MT. Gordon has eight grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gordon and Gert shared an incredible friendship with their special group of friends that lasted for decades. From adventures at the trailer down at the

river or Hughes cabin at the river, brandings, to Branson MS, Seattle, New York City, Washington D.C., Hawaii, World Series games in Minnesota in the early 60's, to trips Florida, Las Vegas, California, and Indiana visiting relatives, they lived their friendships to their fullest! Staycations her at home and getting out in Glendive from the Montana Inn to the Elks Club to the Beer Jug or outings at friends' homes were enjoyed as well and live on.

Gordon lived life to its fullest! He was everywhere, knew everybody and everybody knew him. Gordon would visit with you even if you didn't know him! He lived his nine lives and was given many more in his adventurous 94 years of life! He loved and cared for Gert and his family and loved sharing in many family get-togethers here and afar over all his years.

Gordon and his family want to thank Eastern Montana Veteran's Home nurses and staff for their outstanding work ethic and their generous support and love in his short visit there.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared at [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

Memorials are suggested to Frontier Gateway Museum of Glendive, Hospice of Glendive, and Glendive Community Cancer Fund.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gordon Kolberg*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *My condolences to Guy and his family. Love and prayers*



**Suzie (Kelly) Damjanovich** - October 12, 2022 at 05:12 PM



“ *Gary and I are saddened to read of Gordy's death. He was such a gentle giant, and always had wonderful stories of growing up with the Kampschorr and Buck families. We are so glad we visited with him and Gert last time we were in Glendive. Our love and prayers go out to all of the family.*  
*Gary and Karen Kampschorr*

**Gary and Karen Kampschorr** - September 30, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Bill Cowin** - September 22, 2022 at 04:37 PM

MT

“ *What a blessing to have have enjoyed many autumn days at the Kolberg Homestead and to have experienced the genuine hospitality of the entire family. Gordons presence, company and perspectives made each visit special & memorable.Thanks for the good times and good memories!*

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**Mark Tueffers** - September 18, 2022 at 11:56 PM

DB

“ *Our condolences to the family and friends of Gordon Kolberg. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.*



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**Denise Bortrager** - September 10, 2022 at 11:09 PM

GK

*Thank you Denise!*

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**guy kolberg** - September 12, 2022 at 10:50 PM

TI

“ *So sorry to hear this but Gordon was a great friend and neighbor. Keep all the good memories and good times close to your heart. We have great memories from the Cattle Drive with Gordon, Cheryl and Bob. May God Bless each of you as you walk the rest of your journey until you meet again.*  
*Tommy and Margery Ingraham*

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**Tommy and Margery Ingraham** - September 10, 2022 at 11:08 AM

RJ

“ Rick And Kay Jensen lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg



Rick and Kay Jensen - September 09, 2022 at 01:34 AM

HO

“ Never got a chance to meet him. Thoughts and good vibes sent to the family!



Holly - September 08, 2022 at 04:25 PM

GK

Thank you Holly!❤️

guy kolberg - September 12, 2022 at 10:55 PM

DC

“ Gert, Cheryl, Greg, Darren, Guy and families. My deepest condolences in your great loss of one of the biggest gentle giants I've ever known. He was one of a kind and he will be sorely missed. His smile will be forever etched into my mind when I think of him. No doubt the “River fellas” were waiting anxiously for him at the gates with no doubt a cool one. May you all be comforted in the days ahead. Glendive lost a GREAT man. 🙏

Deb Hughes Crennen - September 06, 2022 at 11:04 PM

GK

Thank you you so much Deb! Dad always thought so much of you and the Hughes family! Tom ,Dick and Gordy are together again! Hugs Deb

guy kolberg - September 12, 2022 at 10:54 PM

RB

“ Rick And Karen Berg lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg



Rick and Karen Berg - September 06, 2022 at 04:48 PM

DB

“ Dale & Alisa Boehning sent a virtual gift in memory of Gordon Kolberg



Dale & Alisa Boehning - September 06, 2022 at 11:34 AM

HF

“ Heather Frank lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg



Heather Frank - September 06, 2022 at 07:22 AM

MK

“ Myrna Kintz lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg



Myrna Kintz - September 02, 2022 at 12:24 PM

LW

“ I remember Gordon from the time of being a boy on the farm in Bloomfield. It was such a pleasure to be able to visit with him when we ran into each other. He was a great and sincere man. Sending all our prayers to his family. Larry & Cheryl Wilken

Larry Wilken - September 01, 2022 at 07:16 PM

GK

Thank you Larry and Cheryl!

guy kolberg - September 12, 2022 at 10:57 PM

BS

“ Bob & Kristie Stanhope lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg



Bob & Kristie Stanhope - September 01, 2022 at 01:17 PM

KS

“ Karen Schock lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg



Karen Schock - September 01, 2022 at 10:56 AM

GE

“ Grace Koffler Evinrude lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg



Grace Koffler Evinrude - September 01, 2022 at 07:51 AM

AH

“ Our dear neighbor on Prospect Drive for decades and 4 miles west of Bloomfield for generations. We have nothing but fond memories of Gordon. Loving sympathy to the Kolberg's from the Huncovsky, Hopfauf, and Jolliffe families.

amy hopfauf - August 31, 2022 at 09:57 PM

GK

Thank you Amy! Dad thought so much of you all! Such great memories!❤️

guy kolberg - September 12, 2022 at 11:02 PM

MH

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Kolberg family for their loss of Gordy. I trust you find comfort in the knowledge he so warmly touched thousands of souls throughout his long and productive life. The Kolberg's and Glendive have lost a mountain of a man. But I somehow know Cindy, Brad, Tom H. and Dick W. welcomed him warmly upon his arrival up yonder. My thoughts are with you in this difficult time.

Michael Hughes - August 31, 2022 at 12:20 PM

GK

Thank you Michael! I couldn't agree with you more!

guy kolberg - September 12, 2022 at 10:49 PM

GK

*Thank you Michael!*

guy kolberg - September 12, 2022 at 11:05 PM

KG

“ *This is so sad. Gordon was such a nice man and it was always a pleasure to see him. I am so sorry.*



Kathy Green - August 31, 2022 at 08:31 AM

PA

“ *Peace be with the Gordan Kolberg family . He always had the best crops and shelterbelt in the county. His smile and laugh would turn a long day into a short day.*

Phil Anderson - August 31, 2022 at 06:39 AM

DE

“ *Don And Deb Evans lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg*



Don and Deb Evans - August 30, 2022 at 11:34 PM

JA

“ *What a wonderful family man, supporter and friend. You will be missed. Prayers & hugs. Bill & Joyce Ayre*



Joyce Ayre - August 30, 2022 at 05:50 PM

CJ

“ *Christina Johnk lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg*



Christina Johnk - August 30, 2022 at 05:14 PM

BH

“ *Gordon was such a hardworking and fun loving man who gifted so many people with his friendship and laughter. Gordy will forever be a legend to me and will be missed by many. Our condolences go out to the Kolberg family. Brian and Kerry Hughes*

Brian & Kerry Hughes - August 30, 2022 at 04:14 PM

DE

“ *Gordon was one of the nicest people we ever met and he always had a smile when ever we ran into him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Dave and Dona Engle and family.*



Dona Engle - August 30, 2022 at 03:04 PM

GP

“ *Greg & Dixie Post lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg*



Greg & Dixie Post - August 30, 2022 at 02:54 PM

KR

“ Gordy was one of Dawson County’s finest. I remember him giving me the biggest tip I ever got as a car hop at A&W and also over paying me to babysit Darren and Guy. He was such a generous and kind man. I also remember my dad, Dale Bergland, saying Gordy ran one of the best top notch farming/ranching operations in the county. He was a hard working, salt of the earth person who made a difference in all the lives he touched. I send my heartfelt condolences to you Gert, Cheryl, Darren, Guy and families. Kristi Bergland Ragar

Kristi Bergland Ragar - August 30, 2022 at 01:59 PM

NS

“ Nathan, Kourtney, Eli & Rafe Stortz lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg



Nathan, Kourtney, Eli & Rafe Stortz - August 30, 2022 at 01:33 PM

NK

“ NANCY KORB lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg



NANCY KORB - August 30, 2022 at 12:42 PM

ES

“ *Eric & Katrina Schultz lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg*



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**Eric & Katrina Schultz** - August 30, 2022 at 12:31 PM

BS

“ *Bob & Jackie Schlicht lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg*



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**Bob & Jackie Schlicht** - August 30, 2022 at 12:08 PM

MM

“ *Marla McCormick lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg*



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**Marla McCormick** - August 30, 2022 at 12:07 PM

MH

“ *Another Dawson County legend has moved on. Condolences to the family as you all carry on Gordons legacy. He was always so upbeat and kind when he chatted with us.*

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**mike and connie hilger** - August 30, 2022 at 12:00 PM

KG

“Gordy will surely be missed. He was one of a kind. My prayers are with you all.

*Kari Granmo*

Kari L Granmo - August 30, 2022 at 10:21 AM

LG

“Sorry to hear about the passing of Gordon. I remember him and the family in Glendive. My condolences. Laura Grzanic.

Laura Grzanic - August 30, 2022 at 09:44 AM

RM

“Ray And Laurie Mittelstaed lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg



Ray and Laurie Mittelstaed - August 30, 2022 at 09:03 AM

TL

“Tom Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg



Tom Lloyd - August 30, 2022 at 09:00 AM

CW

“ We have so many fond memories of times spent with Gordon. Always had a smile on his face. 😊 We are so sorry for your loss; our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Mike & Carol Wolff and family



Carol Wolff - August 30, 2022 at 01:23 AM

PF

“ A kind gentle hardworking man he was. Our thoughts and prayers to you all.



Pulse Family - August 29, 2022 at 10:25 PM

SB

“ Gordon was a wonderful person. Always say hi when you seen him. He will be missed by this community. Prayers to the Kolberg family!

Sharon Bain - August 29, 2022 at 10:22 PM

PL

“ Pam Lewis lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg



Pam Lewis - August 29, 2022 at 08:50 PM

SK

“ *Sondra Krogstad lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg*



Sondra Krogstad - August 29, 2022 at 08:11 PM

CP

“ *So sorry ro read this about Gordon. Cherish all the many fond memories! Condolences to all his family.*

CHERISE PATTERSON - August 29, 2022 at 06:20 PM

SH

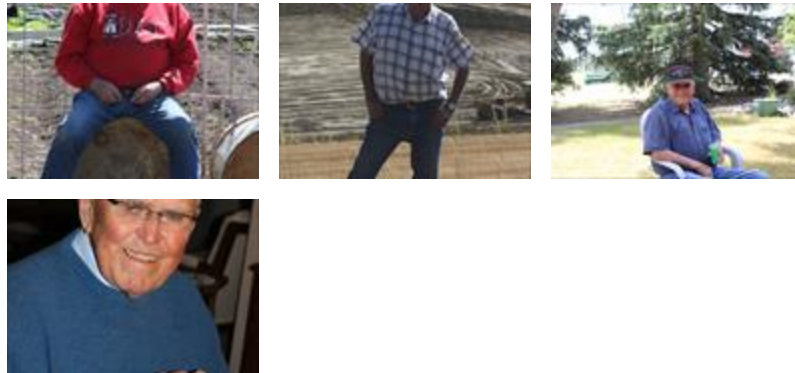
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Silha Funeral Home - August 29, 2022 at 05:55 PM

SH

“ *4 files added to the album Gordon Kolberg*



Silha Funeral Home - August 29, 2022 at 05:54 PM

RK

“ So very sorry about your loss. Sending prayers to all of you

Rex and Sheila Kunick - August 29, 2022 at 04:55 PM

MH

“ God has received a wonderful angel. My thoughts are with his family.



Mona Humphrey - August 29, 2022 at 03:00 PM

DA

“ Denise Alberts lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg



Denise Alberts - August 29, 2022 at 02:46 PM

LI

“ Our condolences to the Kolberg family.....Gordon was such a kind man and always enjoyed visiting with him. Sending Hugs and Prayers to all of you ❤️❤️❤️ Gary and Lynn Ingraham



Lynn Ingraham - August 29, 2022 at 02:22 PM

MW

“ *Mark And Sheryl Walsh lit a candle in memory of Gordon Kolberg*



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**Mark and Sheryl Walsh** - August 29, 2022 at 02:08 PM