



Harvey Rattey

October 29, 1938 - December 7, 2015

Harvey Rattey, age 77, of Glendive, Montana, passed away with his family by his side on Monday, December 7, 2015 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive. Memorial Services with military honors will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at First Congregational United Church of Christ with Lay Pastor Darrin Clinton officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Harvey was born on October 29, 1938 in Chinook, Montana, a son of Lester H. and Rose M. (Latray) Rattey. He was raised and educated in Harlem, Montana where he graduated with the class of 1960. Following high school, Harvey enlisted in the United States Army on June 3, 1960, he served for one year before he was honorably discharged to return home to help on the family ranch after his father was injured. Harvey later enlisted in the National Guard where he served for four years. He returned back to Harlem where he worked as a Ranch Foreman. During this time he was married and later divorced and to this union one daughter was born. Harvey started a career in art and during this time he met Pamela Harr and they were united in marriage on August 6, 1977 in Big Timber, Montana. To this union they adopted five children.

Together they started their own bronze casting foundry in Bozeman, Montana and raised six children. Later they purchased a ranch and moved to Glendive. "Where the Pavement Ends and the West Begins".

Harvey was an internationally known sculptor. A Native American enrolled tribal member of the Little Shell Band of the Chippewa. He and his three

sisters and a brother were raised on a cattle ranch bordering the Assiniboine reservation near Harlem. During the past forty years, his love of the cowboy and of wildlife has inspired him to sculpt both subjects with "wild & woolly" action and empathy.

Harvey had a strong faith in the Lord and was a born again Christian. He loved his church, his wife, his family and his many friends. He enjoyed calf roping, ranching, fixing fence or anything to do with the Ranching Lifestyle, turkey hunting and turkey calling and having coffee with his friends every morning.

A couple of Harvey's favorite quotes were; "Heck of a Deal", "lock your car, there's a lot of white guys around here!" and "Shoot low, they might be crawling."

Harvey was a member of the Western Artist of America, Community Bible Church, Lions Club, Montana Veterans Commissions, Wild Turkey Federation, Indian Arts and Crafts Association and the American Legion.

Harvey was preceded in death by his parents; one infant son; sister, Janet Bow and nephew, Jeffery Bow.

Survivors include his wife, Pam Harr of Glendive; children, Deborah (Christopher) Robart of Glendive, Jeffery Rattey of Glendive, Tanya (Tom) Mintz of Terry, Montana, Kandi Weidner of San Antonio, Texas, Destanie Gonzalas of Seattle, Washington and Dominique Rattey of Miles City, Montana; siblings, Jean Tanniehill of Helena, Montana, Joe Rattey of Dobson, Montana and Lois Nelson of Great Falls, Montana; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials in Harvey's name are suggested to Glendive Medical Center Foundation and Glendive Community Bible Church.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 12. 10:00 AM (MT)

First Congregational Church
120 West Power Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Harvey Rattey*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Pam and family*

I am so saddened to hear about Harvey, shocked really...I had just recommended an interview with both of you for a podcast knowing how interesting the stories and your life would be for listeners. It was then I saw on your website about Harvey. I did a show in Bismarck with Harvey and he judged the art show here in Bowman and set up his work for display. He was a wonderful artist, the greatest story teller - my husband and I went out to supper with him and so enjoyed to hear of the rich life you have both created in art and in family.

It is a sad day for the art world to lose such a kind man.

Our deepest condolences and it is with great sadness I write this, we had always planned to drive up and see your studio and ranch. God Bless you and comfort you now and in the days ahead.

Marsha & Rob Lehmann

Bowman ND

Here is a photo of Harvey, his work and friends in Bowman at the NDHS Rodeo Finals



marsha - August 08, 2016 at 05:32 PM

CW

“ I remember when my children went to school at LaMotte in Bozeman, Harvey's children went there too. We would visit the Rattey home and view all the beautiful artwork by Harvey and Pam, what wonderful people they are. I wish the best for his family.

*Clarissa Wright (former neighbor and friend)
Powell, WY*

Clarissa Wright - January 12, 2016 at 09:05 AM

GS

“ Gayle Sharbono lit a candle in memory of Harvey Rattey



Gayle Sharbono - December 18, 2015 at 10:54 AM

TK

“ *Deepest sympathies.*

Todd Knispel - December 17, 2015 at 03:03 PM

DI

“ *Pam and Family,
We enjoyed our time with you and Harvey while we made our selections of art from your gallery and chatted about how things come to be. He has left a legacy of western art in eastern Montana.
Terry and Diane Dohrmann*

diane - December 14, 2015 at 03:39 PM

SB

“ Pam, DeeDee, and Family, Was so sorry to hear of Harveys' passing. I have so many fond memories of our times together rodeoing, moving cattle or just visiting. We always had a good laugh and when I see him again we'll again enjoy our visit. He was the one who brought Jackie and I together. A matchmaker and a true legend in the art world. May God comfort you all during this time of sorrow. Steve and Jackie Black

Steve Black - December 14, 2015 at 12:11 PM

BB

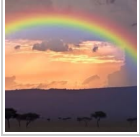
“ Harvey, it was a pleasure to visit with you as a friend, and a rare treat to admire your art. Thank you for sharing the biography of Louis L'amour with me and sharing your art with the world.....I know you are enjoying good horses, fine calves and the company of a good dog with no fences to worry about You will be missed by friends and family, and we are fortunate that you left such a legacy of artwork for us to admire and remember your brief time on this earth. Wish you and yours well dear friend.....until later.....

Bruce Bainbridge - December 12, 2015 at 06:40 PM

LT

“ It was a surprise to hear of Harvey's passing. Also a sad time for us. Harvey was a classmate of mine (Duane) class of 1959. He was always sticking up for people who couldn't stick up for themselves. We were planning on attending the funeral, but 4 inches of snow and bad roads in our area changed our minds. Didn't want to travel with all the crazy drivers we have these days!! We want to send our deepest sympathy to all of Harvey's Family, God Bless all of You, with all our thoughts, love and Prayers, from Harlem-mites Duane and Linda Tangen

Linda Tangen - December 11, 2015 at 09:29 PM



“ *Denise Schumaker Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Harvey Rattey*



Denise Schumaker Stoddart - December 11, 2015 at 06:04 PM



“ *DeeDee and Pam and family, sorry to hear about your loss.*

Debra Randles Stover - December 11, 2015 at 12:12 PM



“ *A genuine human being. A gentleman in the finest sense of the word. Harvey Rattey left many, many great memories here in Bozeman. He will be missed.*



George & Barbara Keremedjiev - December 11, 2015 at 09:39 AM



“ *I bought one of Harvey's sculptures at the Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering in 2013 and I love it to this day. I mourn the loss of this kind and gentle soul and amazing artist. He certainly left behind a legacy. Bless you Pam and all your children. Charlotte Carroll*

Charlotte Carroll - December 11, 2015 at 08:39 AM

LH

“ I'm saddened to hear of Harvey's passing. I am remembering times spent at the home in Bozeman where he and Dee Dee lived riding horses and playing with Dee Dee. He was always smiling and laughing. I always felt welcome there. Praying God's peace be with you at this time of grief. Lori (Arthur) Henke

Lori Henke - December 11, 2015 at 08:16 AM

EQ

“ Ed And Carlena Quinn lit a candle in memory of Harvey Rattey



Ed and Carlena Quinn - December 10, 2015 at 09:25 PM

Jackie Sevier

“ Jackie Sevier lit a candle in memory of Harvey Rattey



Jackie Sevier - December 10, 2015 at 09:54 AM

Jackie Sevier

We will miss Harvey. He was such a part of the spirit of the Northern Plains Indian Art Market the past 28 years. He was always supportive and appreciative of the patrons, the arts and his fellow artists. I'm proud to call him Friend. Rest in peace.

Jackie Sevier - December 10, 2015 at 09:57 AM

VC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Harvey's passing. I was always a joy to visit with him. Thoughts and prayers. Valerie Carr

Valerie Carr - December 09, 2015 at 07:16 PM

JF

“ My Husband Joe and I knew Harvey as one great Man and a special Friend, We Always remember the gleam in his Eyes with a big smile and than came a story,, We were always spellbound by his Story's, We went To Malta with him a few times and He took us to visit his Home Ranch,, God knows whats Best and God needed Harvey , so as we say by to him it is not forever, We will once again see him and see the Gleam in his eyes again,, our Sympathy to his dear Wife Pam and his Children, Pam , we love you and wish we could be there to hold you and tell you how much we love you,, God bless each of you and be close by your side during this very sad week you are facing, God is with you!

Joe and Frona Fileccia - December 09, 2015 at 06:24 PM

KH

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Pam and family. Our sincere sympathy and condolences in your loss. Harvey was a special person and will be missed by many.
Joe and Kathy Haggerty



Kathy Haggerty - December 09, 2015 at 03:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harvey Rattey.*



December 09, 2015 at 02:33 PM



“ *Sorry about your loss of Harvey he was a very talented artist. Thinking of your family. And DeeDee. Whenever I went to the Harlem Seed Show I would visit with him about you. And get your name and number and every time I would lose it so I could never contact you. Please Facebook me Thinking of your family at this time*

cathi campanella - December 09, 2015 at 01:58 PM



“ *What a wonderful person Harvey was. Our condolences to Pam and family. Laura Grzanic / Kevin Uttech*

Laura Grzanic - December 09, 2015 at 12:11 PM



“ *Harvey was one like nobody else. He was special, had a lot of friends and kind heart. It was special to know him and we will NEVER forget him.*

George & Carmen Stanislao

george stanislao - December 09, 2015 at 11:34 AM

RT

“ Thoughts and prayers to Pam and family during this time. Our memories of Harvey will last forever. We have cherish your friendship for the last 35 years. God Bless all. Rolland and Deanna Topp.



Rolland and Deanna Topp - December 09, 2015 at 10:34 AM

KM

“ One of my fondest memories - and there are many - is of Harvey and Monte winning a wild 'n wooley 'open pasture' roping following an art show. One of the ropers had to be the artist or a representative of the artist - It was quite a contest, but as my Dad said, "I'd never bet against a Badlander and an Indian in a contest like this one!" And he was right. Pam and I shared a great time cheering them on to victory. Harvey enjoyed his days competing in rodeo. His artistic talents were amazing and he and Pam built a great following with their art.

I am glad to know we have his quick wit and handsome smile "riding for the brand" in Heaven on our side. I'll bet St. Peter had quite a chuckle when he met Harvey and my Dad.

Pam, I will keep you and your family in my prayers and cherish your friendship.

Kathy Newton McLane - December 09, 2015 at 10:29 AM

James
D Rector

“ Harvey loved to tell the story of when he and I as kids were both in a parade in Harlem dressed as Indians, and I(a little fat white guy) won, Harvey never let it go, and would tease me about it each time he saw me. I'll treasure my Rattey bronzes, thanks Harvey. RIP Jim Rector

James D Rector - December 09, 2015 at 07:57 AM

FT

We always enjoyed our visits with Harvey when we met, like at the Harlem seed show, when we visited at your home in Bozeman and that once at your now home there in Glendive it was always good to see him. We would like to express our condolences to all the family, that he was proud of and loved! we were his cousins from Chinook Frank J. & Karen La Tray

Frank J. & Karen La Tray - December 10, 2015 at 08:49 AM

SD

“ Sincerely, Eastern Montana Foundation Board of Directors purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harvey Rattey.



Sincerely, Eastern Montana Foundation Board of Directors -
December 09, 2015 at 01:29 AM

RW

“ Richard & Wendy lit a candle in memory of Harvey Rattey



Richard & Wendy - December 08, 2015 at 11:32 PM

LT

“ Les And Gina Tipton lit a candle in memory of Harvey Rattey



Les and Gina Tipton - December 08, 2015 at 11:04 PM

LT

“ Pam and family. We are so sorry to hear the news about Harvey. We always enjoyed talking with him at the gun shows and other shows that he attended. He was a man of many talents. I remember the first time I met him was when he came to our place looking for his mule. From that time on every time we seen him we talked about and wondered whatever happened to it. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Les and Gina Tipton - December 08, 2015 at 11:03 PM

KW

“ Those long drives to art shows and life lessons taught in those long afternoons spent fixing fence stay with me to this day. As an old cowboy you were rough around the edges but your intentions were good, love sincere, and your care for me was true; your heart was always in the right place. I'll miss you Dad but I'm so glad you're able to look down and see the good you not only left in your wake, but just how many people's lives your warm heart has touched. Thank you for CHOOSING me to be your daughter. You were the best part of this family and you'll never be forgotten. Love you.



kandi weidner - December 08, 2015 at 09:09 PM

CP

“ WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF HARVEY'S PASSING. WE ALWAYS ENJOYED LISTENING TO ALL THE STORIES OF LIFE HE HAD TO SHARE. SO FASCINATING. WE WILL ENJOY HIS ARTWORK.

CHERISH ALL THE FOND MEMORIES.

CLINT & CHERISE PATTERSON

CHERISE PATTERSON - December 08, 2015 at 04:46 PM

CH

Pam, I was so sorry to see this. Harvey was a kind man. I know that when he came into Bozeman Trophy he would hunt me down if I wasn't in the front of the store. He will be missed!

Cindy Hazen - December 10, 2015 at 08:23 AM

SH

His turkey legacy lives on in Bear Canyon, and I silently thank him every time they stop by, Sheila Hepp

Sheila - December 14, 2015 at 11:19 PM