



## Jack Downs

March 5, 1932 - June 27, 2016

D. Jack Downs, age 84, passed away on Monday, June 27, 2016 at his home South of Lindsay, Montana. Visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. and from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Friday, July 1, 2016 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, Montana. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 2, 2016 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Greg Lucido officiating. Interment with military honors will follow in Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Daniel Jack was born on March 5, 1932 in Glendive, a son of Daniel Edward and Hattie Hilda (Redlacyk) Downs. He was raised and educated in the Glendive area, attending rural elementary schools before receiving his high school education from Dawson County High School where he graduated with the class of 1950. Following his schooling, Jack lived on the family farm where he worked until being drafted into the United States Army in the beginning of 1953. Before his basic training began Jack married the love of his life, Betty Highland, on June 20, 1953. Shortly after, they moved to Fort Ord in Seaside, California for training, and later he was stationed at Fort Bliss, in El Paso, Texas where he worked as a mechanic. Jack received his honorable discharge from military service in 1955, however, he remained in the Army Reserves until 1961. After his discharge from active duty in 1955, Jack and Betty returned to the farm, which he had worked until his passing.

Jack enjoyed hunting, fishing, collecting agates, and woodworking. He also

liked running errands in town so that he could socialize with the community. He was a jack-of-all-trades and loved fixing things, especially mechanic work and carpentry, but his passion was farming.

Above all else, however, Jack was a family man. He loved his family dearly, and loved spending his time with them.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel and Hattie Downs; one sister, Shirley Schwarz; and one great-grandchild, Grace Rose Sell.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of sixty-three years, Betty of Lindsay; four children, Mary (Paul) McDowell of Ranchester, Wyoming, Bruce (Joanne) Downs of Lindsay, Andy (Dalice) Downs of Lindsay, and Jackie (Geoff) Sell of Pinedale, Wyoming; one sister, Georgia Norderud of Glendive; ten grandchildren, Ian (Alexandra) Ogilvie, Jessie (Erik) Dufner, Amber (Tim) Blazina, Chad Downs, Gerald (Kristin) Sell, Shelby (Alicia) George, Chase Downs, Bobbi (Derrik) Caballero, Brooke (Seth) Hallows and Aaron (Heather) McIntyre, eleven great-grandchildren, Josie Blazina, Kamryn Sell, Jerek Dufner, Kinley Sell, Ty Caballero, Kylie Caballero, Callen Sell, Audrey George, Alex Eaton, Hayden McIntyre, and Jett McIntyre; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Jack's name are suggested to the Child Care Ministry, 322 North River Avenue, 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 1. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana  
221 N. Meade Avenue  
P.O. Box 848  
Glendive, MT 59330  
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## Service

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JUL 2. 11:00 AM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Downs*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *We spent a wonderful day gathering memories of the Rainey and Downs family histories. It was so kind and caring of the Downs family to welcome this Rainey kid!  
Cynthe Ann Rainey Winebrenner*

**Cynthe Winebrenner** - January 16, 2017 at 10:46 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. Sorry to hear about the loss of your dear one. May you be comforted in knowing that God promises to swallow death forever, and to resurrect our dead loved ones back to life. ( Isaiah 25:8)*

**pfl** - July 06, 2016 at 12:48 PM



“ *Just found out today about noon that Jack had passed, we are so sorry to here this we will be praying for all of you! May God keep you in his hands in the trying days ahead!! God Bless you all!! Bob and Connie Phalen*

**Bob and Connie Phalen** - July 02, 2016 at 10:59 PM

JJ

“ We were so sorry to hear this sad news. Hoping you will find comfort in all the great memories.

*Jerry & Ruby Jasmin  
Williston ND*

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**Jerry & Ruby Jasmin** - July 02, 2016 at 09:55 PM

DM

“ Debby Martin lit a candle in memory of Jack Downs



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**Debby Martin** - July 02, 2016 at 10:00 AM

DM

*Prayers for all the family.*

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**Debby Martin** - July 02, 2016 at 10:01 AM

DC

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss of such a gentle man, may the family find peace and strength to get you through this difficult time. Our prayers are with you all



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**Deb Cartmell** - July 02, 2016 at 08:35 AM

WS

“ We are very sad to hear this news. Jack was truly one of the "Greatest Generation".  
*Wil and Elaine Salisbury*

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**Wil and Elaine Salisbury** - July 02, 2016 at 01:25 AM

RR

“ *Ruth Robson lit a candle in memory of Jack Downs*



Ruth Robson - July 01, 2016 at 06:29 PM

RR

*So sorry to hear of your loss, Betty. Del and I thought a lot of Jack. He will be missed. My prayers and thoughts are with you and family.*

Ruth Robson - July 01, 2016 at 06:30 PM

JF

*To Betty and family we know of the great loss of Jack but we are saying prayers for all of you through this difficult time. Lots of love Bev and Jer Freeman Butte Montana*

jer&bev Freeman - July 05, 2016 at 08:33 AM

SH

“ *Healing thoughts and prayers for Betty and family. We are with you in Spirit. Christ's peace be with you. Susan heafield and Brian Wren.*

susan heafield - July 01, 2016 at 03:49 PM

TH

“ *Tammy Kinsey Helmuth lit a candle in memory of Jack Downs*



Tammy Kinsey Helmuth - July 01, 2016 at 01:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack Downs.*



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July 01, 2016 at 12:49 PM



“ *Doris Zinger lit a candle in memory of Jack Downs*



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**Doris Zinger** - July 01, 2016 at 12:36 PM



“ *Jerry Geiger lit a candle in memory of Jack Downs*



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**Jerry Geiger** - July 01, 2016 at 08:21 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. I have the best memories of Jack. Such and wonderful man. Out on the farm with my grandparents, our parents, and all of us. Such a innocent and wonderful time. I wish you all love and prayers in the times to come. Kay Cress Parks.*

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**Kay Parks** - June 30, 2016 at 07:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jack Downs.



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June 30, 2016 at 07:34 PM



“ *The McDowell Family, all of us!* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Jack Downs.



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**The McDowell Family, all of us!** - June 30, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ *Larry And Sandy Oium lit a candle in memory of Jack Downs*



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**Larry and Sandy Oium** - June 30, 2016 at 03:54 PM



“ *Mark, Louise, Janet, Rachel, Jennifer, Craig & Pam* purchased the *With Distinction* for the family of Jack Downs.



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**Mark, Louise, Janet, Rachel, Jennifer, Craig & Pam** - June 30, 2016 at 01:07 PM

PC

“ *Prairie Ag. Coop purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack Downs.*



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**Prairie Ag. Coop** - June 30, 2016 at 12:31 PM

DF

“ *Dave, Dick and Diane and families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack Downs.*



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**Dave, Dick and Diane and families** - June 30, 2016 at 11:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack Downs.*



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June 30, 2016 at 08:26 AM

JD

“ *BOOKMARK THROUGH LIFE*

*IF YOU KNOW GOD  
YOU ARE IN AWE  
WE MAY BE WEAK  
WE MAY BE POOR  
IF YOU KNOW GOD  
IS GREATER  
THAN BEFORE  
WE MAY BE SICK  
SOME DAY WE DIE  
IF YOU KNOW GOD  
YOU STAY ALIVE!  
WE TRULY SEE  
ALL WONDERS HERE  
FROM TINY GEMS  
TO FLAMING SPHERES  
TO HEALING BODIES  
ON THIS EARTH  
IF YOU KNOW GOD  
IS SECOND BIRTH!  
HE GIVES YOU WISDOM  
HE GIVES YOU STRENGTH  
TO GO THROUGH LIFE  
HOW EVER YOU RANK  
I THANK YOU LORD  
A MILLION TIMES  
TO KNOW I'M YOURS  
TO KNOW YOUR MINE!  
SO TRUST IN HIM  
HE SETS YOU FREE  
ALL WE MUST DO  
IS TO BELIEVE!*

*Sincerely,  
Jeff Diegel*

**Jeff Diegel** - June 30, 2016 at 07:37 AM

GM

“ *Gene & Leslie Micheletto lit a candle in memory of Jack Downs*



**Gene & Leslie Micheletto** - June 29, 2016 at 11:33 PM

LI

“ *Lynn Ingraham lit a candle in memory of Jack Downs*



**lynn ingraham** - June 29, 2016 at 10:09 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Jack Downs.*



June 29, 2016 at 07:25 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Himes lit a candle in memory of Jack Downs*



**Kathy Himes** - June 29, 2016 at 06:17 PM

NS

“ Noren And Karen Shanley lit a candle in memory of Jack Downs



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**Noren and Karen Shanley** - June 29, 2016 at 05:26 PM

KH

“ Uncle Jack I will always cherish the memories of visiting you and aunt Betty at the farm. To this day I still speak of of the farm and how much much fun it was for us to come visit from the east. Love Bryce.

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**Ken (Bryce) Highland** - June 29, 2016 at 04:27 PM

LO

“ Larry And Sandy Oium lit a candle in memory of Jack Downs



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**Larry and Sandy Oium** - June 29, 2016 at 03:47 PM

MW

“ Mark And Sheryl Walsh lit a candle in memory of Jack Downs



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**Mark and Sheryl Walsh** - June 29, 2016 at 03:41 PM

PG

“ Pam Kunz & Herb Goertzen sent a virtual gift in memory of Jack Downs



Pam Kunz & Herb Goertzen - June 29, 2016 at 02:07 PM

PK

Hugs to the family. Jack will be missed by all. We will always have great memories of him.

Pam Kunz - June 29, 2016 at 02:10 PM

DB

Betty and family. So sorry to hear about Jack. He was a super great guy. Hold on to the memories.

Dennis and Cindi Byron - June 29, 2016 at 04:26 PM

TM

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of sorrow.

Trustees, Faculty and Staff of MCC - June 30, 2016 at 09:26 AM

LT

“ Les And Gina Tipton lit a candle in memory of Jack Downs



Les and Gina Tipton - June 28, 2016 at 09:46 PM

LT

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time. Jack was one in a million and will be missed by many.

Les and Gina Tipton - June 28, 2016 at 09:46 PM

BT

“ Downs Family. I am so sorry to learn of your loss. Cherish your memories and hold them close they will help get you through the difficult days ahead.

God Bless You All

Becky (Chouinard) Tipton

Becky Tipton - June 28, 2016 at 09:42 PM

JS

“ Jim And Donna (Latka) Stanfill lit a candle in memory of Jack Downs



Jim and Donna (Latka) Stanfill - June 28, 2016 at 08:23 PM

GK

“ our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of your pain jack will be missed very much mashal & gordy knoll



gordon & mashal knoll - June 28, 2016 at 07:46 PM

ES

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Downs family-  
Ed and Helen Schmitz*



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**Ed and Helen Schmitz** - June 28, 2016 at 03:05 PM

DG

“ *Dean And Kim George lit a candle in memory  
of Jack Downs*



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**Dean and Kim George** - June 28, 2016 at 03:01 PM