



James V. Christensen

March 29, 1925 - January 10, 2017

James (Jim) Virgil Christensen, age 91, of Glendive, Montana, passed away in the evening on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux, Montana, with his wife of 63 years at his side. Cremation has taken place and services will be held at a later date, at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, South Dakota. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Jim was born on March 29, 1925 to Louie and Agnes (Mayhew) Christensen in Parkston, South Dakota. He grew up on the family farm and attended schools in the Parkston area. He served in the United States Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict from 1945 to 1952. He was honorably discharged in 1952.

He married Joan Heisinger in 1953 in Parkston. To this union five sons were born: William (Bill), James (Jim), Robert (Bob), Thomas (Tom), and Daniel (Dan). They moved to Glendive in 1966. An active Teamster for most of his career, Jim worked for several road construction contractors and was a truck driver for Cenex Transportation until his retirement in May of 1992. Jim had a contagious smile and was a true country gentleman, always willing to lend a helping hand.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Francis, Ione and Jim's twin sister June; his brothers Leon and Charles (twins), Sergeant William Christensen K.I.A. WWII, and Charles II; and his infant daughter Mary Margaret.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years Joan (Heisinger); five sons William (Terri) of Billings, Montana, James of Sheridan, Wyoming, Robert (Caroline) of Denver, Colorado, Thomas (Roberta) of Glendive, and Daniel (Peggy) of Pocatello, Idaho; six grandchildren Nathan and Erika (Bill's children), Isaac and Alec (Tom's children), and Caleb and Denton (Dan's children); and two great-grandchildren, Addy and Easton.

From Jim's own words:

"May the sadness in our hearts today be filled with pleasant memories; I would want this for us."

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

Tribute Wall



“ *James V. Christensen*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *On January 10, 2017, with heavy hearts and tear filled eyes you said goodbye to your beloved husband, father, and friend of 63 years. The last time D and I saw Jim in July of 2011, he was able to visit and he was still tall, handsome, and wearing his cowboy hat. The stroke took away his ability to communicate and he became less agile, but he remained a man of towering strength. During your dating and married years you made many memories, and you will lean on them forever. As the song goes, "Thanks for the memories." To Joan and family of five sons, D and I send you our love, hugs, and sympathy, and close by saying Jim will be missed by all who were blessed to know him.*

Jim, we thank you for your military service to this great country and may you rest in peace.

*With sympathy to my sister Joan and sons
Derald and Paulette Hinds*

Derald and Paulette Hinds - January 17, 2017 at 12:18 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Jims passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in your time of need. Jim will be missed by all who he came in contact with.*

Jon Scherger - January 14, 2017 at 11:54 AM

AW

“ Prayers to you all. I had to call mom "Jeanette Welch" tonight after hearing the news of your loss. I remember all the picnics and gatherings at your home---how brave---LOL---you always had room and loving open arms for my parents and all their six kids. How much fun we had playing in your back yard and remembering all the BBQ's, then Dad taking us down to the river and almost losing the car in the river!!! I'm not sure whom the son was that use to babysit us all---wow---he was surly brave!!!! LOL. We love you all so very much and pray for each and everyone on this sorrowfull day. God Bless you and thank you for all the awesome times. Ann Welch-Krogman

Ann Welch-Krogman - January 12, 2017 at 09:02 PM

BT

“ Sorry for your loss. It's never easy no matter our age when you lose a parent, but at least you know he's in a much better place. Cherish your memories and hold them close they will help get you through the difficult days and head.
God Bless
Besky (Chouinard) Tipton

Becky Tipton - January 11, 2017 at 04:01 PM

AG

“ To The Family of Jim Christensen;



My father knew your father for many many years. I also went to school with Tom. I remember when I was really little my parents, my little brother and I would come to your house, or your parents came to ours. I always got a kick out of your father trying to take my nose off. Later years after my parents passed I would see them in the store. I asked Jim one day if he knew who I was, his response was-- he started to come get my nose I was in my middle forties-- so he say now do you think I don't know who you are. After that your parents and I would always acknowledge each other. I would ask how they were doing and they asked about me. When I told your parents that I had MS just like mother did, Jim said "are you going to fight it just like your mother did?" I looked at them and asked what do you think. Mrs. Christensen I am sorry for your loss, but I'll tell you this they are probably building roads up there already.

*My God Bless You at This Hard Times You Have To Go Through.
Rest In Peace Mr. Christensen.*

*Sincerely
Calvin, Lawrence, Arlene & Bryan Gieser*

Arlene Gieser - January 11, 2017 at 03:17 PM