



James "Jim" Dufner

September 9, 1941 - November 4, 2021

Jim Dufner age 80 of Glendive, Montana, has joined his many loved ones in heaven. He passed away unexpectedly at the Billings Clinic Hospital on Thursday, November 4, 2021 with family by his side. Visitation will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 PM with a Rosary at 7:00 PM on Friday, November 12, 2021, at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial with military honors will be at 10:00 AM Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Francis Schreiber officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. He was the 7th child of Mathias and Mary (Verkennis) Dufner, born on September 9, 1941 in Glendive, Montana.

Jim attended Sacred Heart School through 8th grade and graduated from Dawson County High School in 1959. He enjoyed all sports, competing in football, basketball, track and baseball.

After high school, he enlisted in the Army and spent 2 years and 3 months serving in Germany. After his honorable discharge, he joined his father and brothers in the family business, Dufner's Dairy. Later, they expanded into other ventures; Duff's Club and the Jock Stop. A hard-working family for sure!

Jim also coached Junior High basketball at Sacred Heart School for 10 years. He would readily admit that he was a pretty tough coach and proud of it, as his winning record showed!

On August 22, 1964, Jim married Nicki Cusker. They had 2 children, Tana Marie and Ty James. This was the beginning of a lifetime filled with fun and

adventure. Everything centered around their children's athletic events.

Agate hunting started as a pastime for him but developed into a great hobby. He became quite an accomplished racquetball player, having access to courts and tournaments at the Duff's Club. He also enjoyed bird hunting and fishing. His all-time favorite though, was watching his grandkids games. Gramps was their armchair coach. Great advice he could always give!

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Mathias and Mary Dufner, siblings Leroy, Floyd, Marge Reynolds, Rose Marie Peterson, sister-in-law Carolyn Dufner, brother in laws Hartwick Peterson, Jack Reynolds, Dave Quale, nieces and nephews Susan Dufner, Bob Reynolds, Randy Reynolds, Karen Dufner, Brenda Quale, Bill Reynolds. Mother and Father-in-law Orian and Cella Cusker.

Jim is survived by his wife Nicki, children Tana (Dave) McCall, Ty (Cindy) Dufner; grandchildren Shay (Alli) Davis, Shilo (Courtney) McCall, Syrell Dufner and Mathias Dufner; great grandchildren Emerie Davis and Brecken Davis and soon to be born grandson, Parker McCall. Siblings Marvin Dufner, Marian Quale, Patsy Easley, Paul Dufner, sister-in-law Ann Dufner and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

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

NOV 12. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 13. 10:00 AM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
316 West Benham Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Dufner*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Dear Patsy, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your brother. I always felt that your family was close, and I wanted you to know that I am thinking of you. And, I have thought of you from time to time over the years, since we both worked at the Ranger-Review. Losing family members is so hard, I know. Wishing you the best, and am hoping that great memories keep coming to light.*

JoJo (Jonutis) Herem

JoJo (Jonutis) Herem - November 28, 2021 at 09:36 PM



“ *Jim was along-time classmate, a really friendly and talented guy, always with his big smile. My sympathy to all of you.*

Jack Amundson

Jack Amundson - November 20, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ *I have many fond memories of Jim at Duff's Club. He always had a such a big smile and warm greeting for all. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers in this difficult time.*

Bill Kickert - November 12, 2021 at 11:20 PM

LM

Jim had an awesome smile that spread cheer wherever he went. We went to DCHS together. He was friendly, very athletic & did well in school sports. He will be missed by his classmates. Sympathy to the DUFNER family at this difficult time. Praying you have the healing power of many beautiful memories.

Kindly,

~Lori Brown (Lorraine Matisheck) DCHS 1959

Lori Brown (Lorraine Matisheck) - November 15, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Dufner.*



November 12, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Silha Funeral Home - November 12, 2021 at 12:21 PM



Perfect!

Bob Jolliffe - November 15, 2021 at 09:04 PM

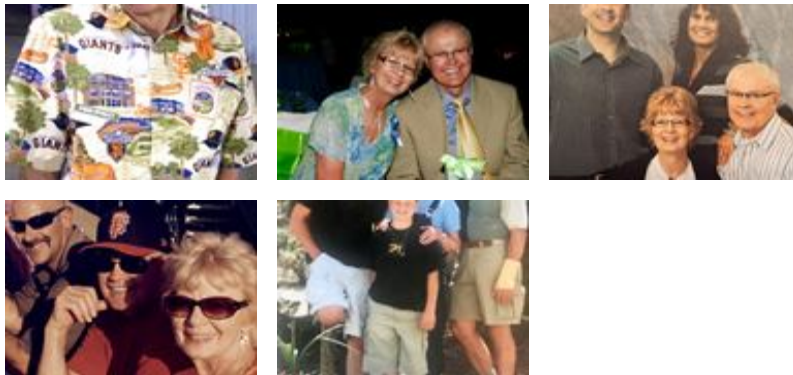
CZ

“ We were so sorry to hear of Jim’s death. We will remember him as always having a smile on his face... always friendly and pleasant! We are praying for all of you. Cindy and Duane Zimmerman and Marylin Hoffman

Cindy Zimmerman - November 12, 2021 at 08:57 AM



“ 64 files added to the album Life Tributes



Silha Funeral Home - November 11, 2021 at 10:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Dufner.



November 11, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ *Bob Jolliffe lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Dufner*



Bob Jolliffe - November 11, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ *Melvin Sampson lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Dufner*



Melvin Sampson - November 11, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Our deepest sympathies.*



Dale & Alisa Boehning - November 10, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ *Bob And Kristie Stanhope lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Dufner*



Bob and Kristie Stanhope - November 10, 2021 at 11:43 AM

LF

“ Our sincere condolences to Nikki, Ty, Tana and the rest of the families. Our hearts ache for your loss. Jim was a very special person and will be missed by many. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Linda Frank, Aaron and Amy and family



Linda Frank - November 10, 2021 at 05:52 AM

DS

“ Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Dufner



Denise Stoddart - November 09, 2021 at 06:36 PM

PE

“ Praying for comfort and peace for you during this difficult time. Cherish the memories and continue to tell the stories that remain in our hearts forever.
Sean, Patti, Alex, Olivia and Isaac Earling



Patti Earling - November 09, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ "Remembering You" 30" Solar Sonnet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Dufner.



November 09, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Dufner.*



November 09, 2021 at 08:50 AM



“ *Our sincere condolences to Nikki, Ty and Tana and all of the rest of Jim's family. You have all had a tough year. We pray that God will wrap his loving and strong arms around you and give you comfort and peace. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. Love, The Z's*

Don and Penny Zimmerman - November 08, 2021 at 09:32 PM



“ *Jim was a very SPECIAL person, there was always a very heart felt smile on his face and that special little laugh that always had a way of warmly reaching out just to you. Jim always had time for the youth and was truly a mentor to us all. Jim will be missed but never forgotten we will all keep his memories close to our hearts. In our prayers Bob Ackerman.*



Bob Ackerman - November 08, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ *To Nikki, Ty, Tana and the rest of the family. My heart aches for you all. Jim was a great guy! Always a smile on his face and time to shoot the breeze. Loved hunting agates together! May God bless you all. Thoughts and prayers, Tom and Patty*

Tom Reynolds - November 08, 2021 at 01:24 PM

DK

“ *Don Kautzmann lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Dufner*



don kautzmann - November 08, 2021 at 09:21 AM

NS

“ *Sorry to hear of Jim's passing.*



Noren and Karen Shanley - November 08, 2021 at 06:33 AM

JL

“ *Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Dufner*



Janette Legato - November 07, 2021 at 11:10 PM

CH

“ *Our Sincere Sympathy and Condolences to all the Dufner Family !!!*

Chuck Heinrich - November 06, 2021 at 11:15 AM

RB

“ Rick And Karen Berg lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Dufner



Rick and Karen Berg - November 05, 2021 at 10:45 PM

MH

“ Marvin And Sue Howe lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Dufner



Marvin and Sue Howe - November 05, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ So very terribly sorry to hear about Jim. Such a great guy and a great friend - we had many great times together. May his memories stay strong, and the entire family be supported by those memories.

Bob Jolliffe

Bob Jolliffe - November 05, 2021 at 11:56 AM

KM

“ Always with a smile on his face ,always a man you loved to run into. Jim ran the good race and won.

kevin McGovern - November 05, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Dufner.*



November 04, 2021 at 11:24 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the Dufner family! You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*



Kelly-Ginger Pulse - November 04, 2021 at 11:23 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family and friends of Jim Dufner at this difficult time. Prayers to all.*



Denise and Joe Borntreger - November 04, 2021 at 09:40 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Jim! Condolences to the whole family, many who I have known for many, many years! Cherish all the many fun times and memories!*

Cherise Patterson - November 04, 2021 at 05:25 PM

BJ

“ *Bob & Dixie Justice lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Dufner*



Bob & Dixie Justice - November 04, 2021 at 05:24 PM