



James "Jim" Waddell

August 16, 1936 - August 7, 2016

James "Jim" Edward Waddell, age 79, of Glendive, Montana passed away on Sunday, August 7, 2016 at his home in Glendive. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, August 12, 2016 at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Will Johnson officiating. Interment will be held Friday afternoon at the family ranch near Miles City, Montana. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Jim was born on August 16, 1936 in Indianahoma, Oklahoma, the oldest child of George and Ella Fay. In the spring of 1937 the family moved to Glendive, in 1938 a second son, Kelly was born there. Then in 1940, George bought a barber shop in Columbus, Montana, and they lived there for three years until George was drafted into the Navy. The next three years were spent in Idaho. After the war, the family moved to Miles City where George bought a ranch east of town. Jim graduated from Custer County High School in 1954. Jim worked for a seismograph crew during the summer between his sophomore and junior year in school to earn money to go to barber school the next summer, he went to barber college in Yakima, Washington. Then worked after school and on Saturdays during his senior year to serve his apprenticeship, and became the youngest Master Barber in Montana history at the age of 18. On July 2, 1956 Jim was married to Arlene Davidson at the First Lutheran Church in Miles City. Three children and fourteen years later she left for what she considered greener pastures. Jim was broken hearted for a while, but time heals all wounds. Six years later, Jim found the lady who would be his

soul mate for life. He and Dianna (Hobill) McBride were married on May 22, 1976, also at the First Lutheran Church in Miles City. Jim considered it to be Heaven on earth, he not only got a wonderful woman but two more children. God and family are the most important things a person can have. Love is the most important word in the dictionary.

Jim joined the National Guard in April of 1954 and put in twelve years. In 1966 he transferred to the Navy Reserve and put in another ten years, then retired in 1976 as a Chief Petty Officer. Jim was also elected Justice of the Peace, and served for eight years, from 1964 thru 1972. Jim cut hair for eighteen years, then in 1971 he switched careers and went to work in train service for the Milwaukee Railroad, but when the handwriting was on the wall, along with six more of his fellow trainman, on August 18, 1978 he went to Glendive and hired out on the Burlington Northern. Jim retired from the railroad after 25 years in 1996.

It is well known that Jim was a sports fanatic. He started going to Major League Baseball games when he was fourteen years old, and chased them right up to the end. He was the first fan to see every team play every team both at home and on the road. A total of 1,243 Major League games, including five trips to the World Series, 1965, 1987, 1991, 2007 and 2008. Jim was also into most other professional sports, a season ticket holder for twenty-two years of the Denver Broncos, he saw 101 pro football games, that included three Super Bowls, 1986, 1991 and 1993, however the only sport Jim excelled at was bowling, and is a member of Miles City's Bowling Hall of Fame.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and brother.

He leaves his beloved wife Dianna of the family home in Glendive; five children, Scott of Seattle, Washington, Kimberly and her husband Eddie Castillo of Kenai, Alaska, Corey and his wife Kitty of Hubert, North Carolina, Ron McBride of Athens, Alabama and Terri and her husband Dennis Schock of Billings, Montana; seven grandchildren, Mandi Castillo, Christopher Castillo, Matthew Waddell, Shelby Waddell, Shantel Broadhead, Jonelle Schock and Kaitlyn McBride; also four great-grandchildren, MacCoy, Abbie,

Jaycie and Riel; and three childhood buddies, Gary Marks of Lewistown, Montana, Duane Strohmayer of Miles City and Jay Hendry of Huntley, Montana.

Jim always greeted people with "How's it going Kid?," no matter their age, thirty years younger or thirty years older. Some would reply with "Not bad, Dad," and for those who questioned his choice of greetings, Jim would reply, "We are all God's Children."

I leave this earth gladly and willingly to be with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My body is of no consequence, it's my soul that counts.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested in Jim's name to the Sagebrush Alley Senior Center in Glendive or a Youth Baseball program in Glendive (ABC Baseball, Glendive Babe Ruth or Glendive American Legion).

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 12. 10:00 AM (MT)

Zion Lutheran Church
401 Riverview Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Waddell*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Di - I'm so sorry to here about Jim! I am sure you will miss him bunches, he was always full of fun and laughter! It has been years since I have been in Glendive, I was married to Bill Cruse, he has also passed - December of last year. Whenever the Broncos play you both have always been in my thoughts.*

*Love always
Bobbie Slover*

Bobbie Slover - August 30, 2016 at 05:08 PM



“ *Beautiful man with beautiful children that I still think of often. Peace be with you all.*

Tanna Bloxom Patt - August 16, 2016 at 01:35 PM



“ *Scott and family, sorry to hear about your father. I always loved reading about his next sporting adventure. Take care.*

Mike Schmitz - August 15, 2016 at 04:46 PM

AB

“ Dear Dianna,
Amy and I were shocked and saddened hearing of Jim's passing.
We received the sad news from my brother Bryce.
It must be said that Jim lived life on his own terms and if he was
your friend, you had a true friend! I'll always fondly remember the
good times we had together.
A few years ago we were privileged to have Jim stop and visit with
us here in Lincoln during one of his 'baseball' trips and more
recently when we had coffee together at the Subway there in
Glendive.

Bruce and Amy Ballentine,
Lincoln, Nebraska

Arven Bruce Ballentine - August 12, 2016 at 07:46 AM

BM

“ To the family of Jim Waddell:
It was with both surprise and sadness that I learned of the loss of
Jim. We had been long-time friends. I believe it was about 1959
when we moved to Miles City and Jim was our next door neighbor.
Over the years, we both moved to Glendive, but still remained
friends. He was a great guy and will certainly be missed.

Bus Morris - August 11, 2016 at 07:11 PM



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



August 11, 2016 at 11:11 AM

NK

“ Thinking of you and offering my prayers for your loss.

Nancy Korb - August 10, 2016 at 06:34 PM

LD

“ Linda Dorman sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jim" Waddell



Linda Dorman - August 09, 2016 at 06:01 AM

DD

“ Sorry for your loss! I will miss seeing him walking around the block with his trusty dog!!

Debi Delamater - August 08, 2016 at 05:59 PM