



James 'Jim' Lester Wiseman Jr.

May 10, 1934 - March 5, 2026

James "Jim" Lester Wiseman Jr., age 91, of Glendive Montana slipped away peacefully on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care in Glendive. A vigil service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 16 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on April 17th at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Richard Schlosser officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

James Sr. and Florence (Copeland) were blessed on May 10, 1934, when James Jr. came into their lives, joining his sister Helen in Nashua, Mt. His sister Shirley completed their family soon after.

Their family made several moves while Dad was growing up, eventually making Glendive their home, where he graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1952. Following his graduation, Dad attended Montana State College in Bozeman, Montana earning a bachelor's degree in industrial arts in 1956. Shortly after graduation Dad married his sweetheart, Marcella (Marci) Kahl, on June 14, 1956, in Wibaux, Montana. To this union they welcomed eight children.

Dad and Mom moved to Renton, Washinton where Dad worked for Boeing Aircraft for a year before deciding to move back home to Glendive. Dad

started working for his dad at Gate City Electric. He purchased the family-owned business in 1969 and continued to own and operate until 1985 when he chose to close the business and he went to work for Short Electric. Dad then joined his brother-in-law in California as an electrician for a couple of years until returning to Glendive as an electrician for BNSF Railroad. He worked there until his retirement in 2000.

Along with enjoying a “cold one” with family and friends he will be remembered fondly for his great sense of humor, his amazing ability to remember and tell jokes, his endless menagerie of one liners and sayings, and his love of tinkering at his workbench; he never backed down from the challenge of fixing broken electronics for us kids and his grandkids. Dad loved fishing, hunting, and designing computer programs for his personal computer, we still don't know if any of them actually worked!

Survivors left to feel his love like a warm hug include his cherished wife of 69 years, Marci and his treasured children, Michelle (Larry) Hegel, Mari (Doug) Brant, James Wiseman, John (Dee) Wiseman, Robert (Jennell) Wiseman all of Glendive, Debra (Tim) O'Brien of Mayville, North Dakota and Danielle (Mike) Leshovsky of St. Michael, Minnesota: twenty-three grandchildren, forty-one great grandchildren and one great great grandchild along with many relatives and friends.

Waiting for him in Heaven are his daughter Veronica “Ronnie” Wiseman, his parents, Jim Sr. and Florence, his sisters, Helen Tague and Shirley Lassel, his great grandson Whelan Louser and countless in-laws and out-laws.

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

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Rosary/Vigil Service

APR 16. 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
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Glendive, MT 59330
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Mass of Christian Burial

APR 17. 10:00 AM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Stacey B lit a candle in memory of James 'Jim' Lester Wiseman Jr.*



Stacey B - April 17 at 12:38 PM

MC

“ *Mike Carpenter lit a candle in memory of James 'Jim' Lester Wiseman Jr.*



Mike Carpenter - April 17 at 10:29 AM

CP

“ *Condolences to all of Jim's family. Cherish the many fond memories.*

Cherise Patterson - April 16 at 09:21 PM

JL

“ *Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of James 'Jim' Lester Wiseman Jr.*



Janette Legato - April 15 at 08:46 PM

MJ

“ *Matt Jirsa lit a candle in memory of James 'Jim' Wiseman*



Matt Jirsa - April 10 at 11:52 PM

DB

“ *My condolences to the family and friends of James Wiseman at this difficult time.*



Denise Borotrager - March 25 at 10:14 PM

DR

“ *Jim was soooo much fun and lived a great life. He also raised a great family. Job well done and mission accomplished I say. Sending lots of love and prayers your way.*

Dale & Linda Raisl - March 13 at 07:34 PM

MS

“ *Mike and Jacky Boje Saur sent a virtual gift in memory of James 'Jim' Wiseman*



Mike and Jacky Boje Saur - March 11 at 10:32 PM

M&

“ Mike & June lit a candle in memory of James 'Jim' Lester Wiseman Jr.



mike & June - March 10 at 01:26 PM

BS

“ James and family,
Saddened to hear of your Dads passing. Always hard to loose a parent. Sending lots of love and prayers your way.

Bert & Denise (Strand) Stambaugh - March 10 at 10:17 AM

HB

“ Hugs to Marci I enjoyed the time I got to spend with them and the stories of his adventures and life.

Helen Begger - March 09 at 10:07 PM

RW

“ Ron and Wendy Weinberger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James 'Jim' Lester Wiseman Jr..

Ron and Wendy Weinberger - March 09 at 09:37 PM

RW

“ Ron and Wendy Weinberger purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James 'Jim' Lester Wiseman Jr..



Ron and Wendy Weinberger - March 09 at 09:37 PM

AR

“ *Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of James 'Jim' Lester Wiseman Jr.*



Andeen Raymond - March 09 at 03:52 PM

MS

“ *Thinking of you Mari and all your Family.*



Marina Schock - March 09 at 02:34 PM

DV

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Wiseman family at this difficult time 🙏🕊 Jim was a great man who's love for Marci and his family showed in his eyes ❤️*



Deb Pete Vogel - March 09 at 12:55 PM

TI

“ *Tiffany lit a candle in memory of James 'Jim' Wiseman*



Tiffany - March 09 at 10:43 AM

GK

“ Grace Koffler lit a candle in memory of James 'Jim' Lester Wiseman Jr.



Grace Koffler - March 09 at 07:36 AM

JD

“ Michelle, Mari, Bob and families, we are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I've known your dad for 50 years. We used to have so much fun, playing pool and drinking beer. He was a sweet man and I will miss him. Love and prayers.

Jodi Dobson - March 08 at 03:35 PM

JR

“ Jack R lit a candle in memory of James 'Jim' Lester Wiseman Jr.



Jack R - March 08 at 10:30 AM

VW

“ So sorry Mac and family. We have many happy memories of you and Jim. Meant so much to us when you came so far to our wedding. Many good times together. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Vern & RaeDeen Weinberger - March 07 at 11:30 PM



“ *Linda Purvis lit a candle in memory of James 'Jim' Lester Wiseman Jr.*



Linda Purvis - March 07 at 11:54 AM



“ *Euka M Langton lit a candle in memory of James 'Jim' Lester Wiseman Jr.*



Euka M Langton - March 06 at 07:07 PM



“ *Carol Hanson sent a virtual gift in memory of James 'Jim' Lester Wiseman Jr.*

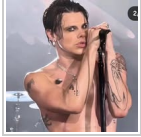


Carol Hanson - March 06 at 05:39 PM



“ *My sympathy to you, Marci and your family!*

Rosemary Baldwin - March 06 at 11:54 AM



“ *Kymberley Allen lit a candle in memory of James 'Jim' Lester Wiseman Jr.*



Kymberley Allen - March 06 at 10:22 AM

NK

“ *Noren And Karen lit a candle in memory of James 'Jim' Lester Wiseman Jr.*



Noren And Karen - March 06 at 09:38 AM

WM

“ *Walter McKeen lit a candle in memory of James 'Jim' Lester Wiseman Jr.*



Walter McKeen - March 06 at 02:05 AM

NS

“ *To Marcella and family. We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We had many a great time with the pizza group in Glendive. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Remember all the good times and know that he will be missed by everyone.*



Noren and Karen Shanley - March 05 at 11:30 PM

JO

“ I sure missed Jim and Marci when they moved from the Manor. Loved their visits and watching them when they participated in their the activities. They had fun. Missing his jokes. Cherishing the time I spent with them!



Janel Ordahl - March 05 at 10:11 PM

BT

“ Wiseman Family. I'm so sorry for your loss, cherish all your Memories!
Your parents raised some Pretty Awesome Kids!
It's had no matter how old we get!,

Becky Tipton - March 05 at 08:25 PM

AS

“ RIP



Anita Spencer - March 05 at 06:41 PM