



James Anthony Witkowski

November 23, 1941 - February 9, 2025

James Anthony Witkowski, age 83, of Wibaux, Montana, passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at home. A Rosary Service will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, February 14, 2025 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Wibaux.

James was born on November 23, 1941, to his parents, John and Kathryn (Piesik) Witkowski, in Beach, North Dakota. He was raised and educated in Wibaux, graduating with the class of 1959. After graduation, James took over the family farm and ranch and continued to work various jobs in order to support his true love of farming and ranching. James married his high school sweetheart, Veronica Hill, on September 10, 1960, in Glendive, Montana.

They raised their four children (Tami, Christy, Sheila, and James) on the family farm. James was a very devoted husband and father. He worked as a manager of the grain elevator and later in life went back to school, earning his Electrician Certificate from the North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton.

James loved animals and always had several different kinds, the beefalo he raised being his pride and joy. He enjoyed gardening, wine-making, leathercraft, and many other hobbies. Fishing was a big passion in his life, and he made sure to raise his family to have the same love of fishing as he did. Any chance he could, James loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. When the kids joined sports, the game-side support

continued, and he rarely missed watching their games. Anyone who knew him knew his favorite team. Getting to travel to see his Green Bay Packers play was a treasured memory. Whether it was birthday parties or pinochle tournaments, it was a guaranteed opportunity to hear one of his great stories. With a sparkle in his eye and his mischievous grin, James was always up for a good prank. Most of all, James will be remembered as a compassionate, fun-loving, kind, and hardworking man who will be dearly missed.

James is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Veronica; granddaughter, Emily Alexander; his brothers, Donald and David; sisters, Mary Ann Witkowski and Anna Marie Nistler; and daughter-in-law, Sissy Witkowski.

James is survived by his daughters, Tami (Marv) Gebhardt of Noxon, Montana, Christy Davis of Wibaux, Sheila Garrison of Dickinson, North Dakota; son, James Witkowski of Butte, Montana; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Cemetery Details

Wibaux Cemetery

Wibaux, MT 59353

Previous Events

Vigil Service

FEB 13. 6:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Wibaux, Montana
204 South Wibaux Street
Wibaux, MT 59353
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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 14. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
313 1st Avenue Southwest
Wibaux, MT 59353

Tribute Wall



“ 64 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Silha Funeral Home - February 13, 2025 at 06:54 PM

JK

“ *Judy Kralemann purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Anthony Witkowski.*



Judy Kralemann - February 12, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Anthony Witkowski.*



February 12, 2025 at 10:40 AM

FN

“ From Gene, Brad and Nicky purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James Anthony Witkowski.



From Gene, Brad and Nicky - February 12, 2025 at 09:48 AM

AN

“ Angie lit a candle in memory of James Witkowski



Angie - February 11, 2025 at 07:22 PM

CH

“ Carol Hanson lit a candle in memory of James Witkowski



Carol Hanson - February 11, 2025 at 02:05 PM

SL

“ Sam Lawrence lit a candle in memory of James Witkowski



Sam Lawrence - February 11, 2025 at 10:39 AM

CH

“ Carol Hanson sent a virtual gift in memory of James Witkowski



Carol Hanson - February 11, 2025 at 12:45 AM

JO

“ Jim and Veronica and family were always at the wibaux county fair and Jim was always helping the kids do 4h stuff , I always admired his dedication ,support , and love for them kids , he loved playing cards at the legion also , my thoughts and prayers to all the family , Jack osterhout , los ang ,California

Jack osterhout - February 10, 2025 at 06:15 PM

DN

“ So sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. He was a classmate & friend for many years & I’ll miss him. We shared so many good memories & good times. Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers.
Diane



Diane Nelson - February 10, 2025 at 12:34 PM

SL

Jim was always so fun to visit with. Condolences to his family.

Sam Lawrence - February 11, 2025 at 10:42 AM