



Jim Schultz

February 15, 1944 - February 17, 2009

On Thursday, February 12, 2009, James Donald “Jim” Schultz passed from this world. He was at peace knowing his life was well-lived. He died at the family home in the arms of his wife with his family and Labradors by his side. Jim was 64. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements. Jim was born February 15, 1944 to George and Elsie Schultz in Glendive. In 1964 he married Carole Hicks and became the proud father of Eric and Megan. In 1982, and until death parted them, he was united in marriage to Jackie Vashus Wilondek. With this union, he became the father of Cynthia. His three children were his pride and joy. Jim graduated from Dawson County High School in 1962. He received his B.A. at Eastern Montana College in 1966, and achieved a Masters of Education in English at the University of Montana in 1973. He began his career in education at Dawson County High School in 1966. It was his very first teaching assignment and he proved a natural teacher who inspired students through his love of the written word. Unwittingly, and using an approved curriculum, this neophyte educator sparked a storm of controversy when he introduced a book by J.D. Salinger entitled *The Catcher in the Rye*. Despite his youth, Jim did not withdraw from this dilemma because of his trust in the power of great literature to present life’s most valuable lessons—lessons central to a life well-lived. Community leaders, students, and colleagues alike spoke on his behalf and, more

important to him, spoke to the importance of intellectual integrity in education. Polson High School lured him to western Montana for five years where his passion for teaching was complemented with hunting, fishing, and the romance of the mountains. Eventually, the prairies of eastern Montana, with their open spaces and clear blue skies, called him back in 1973. He taught briefly at DCHS before beginning a thirty year relationship with Dawson Community College from which he retired in 2007. In 1993, already a seasoned veteran of college teaching, he was named "Burlington Northern Teacher of the Year" which was an honor bestowed upon only a select few. Professor Schultz gave his final lecture at the 2007 DCC commencement ceremony. Jim was a Renaissance man in classic Montana style. He was as comfortable dining in the finest restaurants as he was sitting on his tractor eating a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. He held the Montana State Record for Small Mouth Bass for a time and was at his philosophical best sitting on his Fort Peck cabin's porch. Jim laughed loud and often, was comfortable on either side of a joke, and often times shared his most valuable lessons and insights with his children over midnight coffee conversations. An adoring husband, a devoted father, a sincere friend, a lifelong outdoorsman, and an extraordinary asset to his community - Jim will be missed. Jim is survived by Jackie, his wife of twenty-six years; his son Eric Schultz, his wife Katrina, and their son Dalton; his daughters Megan Schultz and Cynthia Wilondek; his two sisters Patricia Anderson and Donna Cornett; his very special nephew Craig Anderson, and a plethora of nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen, sorry for the loss of your husband.*

Benjamin Dover - January 16, 2024 at 01:34 AM



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Benjamin Dover - January 16, 2024 at 01:31 AM



“ *Jim Schultz*

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