



Jimmie "Catfish" Ward

September 13, 1953 - April 19, 2015

Jimmie "Catfish" Ward, age 61, of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at his home in Glendive. Visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, April 24, 2015 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Stan Hoobing and Lay Pastoral Associate Norm Unterseher officiating. Interment will be held in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Jimmie was born on September 13, 1953 in Marceline, Missouri, the son of Charles and Marjorie (Johnson) Ward. He was raised and educated in Brookfield, Missouri where he attended Brookfield High School graduating with the class of 1972. Following high school, Jimmie started working for the Burlington Northern Railroad. In 1972, Jimmie married his best friend and love of his life, Yvona Rafferty in Brookfield and to this union two sons were born. As a couple, they moved to Glendive in 1975 where he continued to work for the railroad until 2002 when his health took a turn and forced him to retire. Jimmie liked riding his motorcycle, traveling, attending coffee in the morning with his coffee groups, tinkering in the garage and watching his Kansas City Chiefs play. He was very active in his children's and his grandchildren's lives. Jimmie was a very proud member of the ABATE Club. He was preceded in death by his parents; Charles and Marjorie Ward and one brother-in-law, Robert Walsh.

He is survived by his loving wife, Yvona Ward of Glendive; two sons, James (Becky) Ward and Russell "Bear" (Nikki Paul) Ward all of Glendive; one sister, Linda Walsh of Brookfield; grandchildren, Olivia, Marissa, Mason, Jace and Conner Ward; one niece, Michelle (Gary) Hunter of Brookfield; one nephew, Wes Walsh of Kansas City, Missouri and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Dawson County Cemetery

Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard
Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Visitation

APR **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Service

APR **24**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Zion Lutheran Church
401 Riverview Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Jimmie "Catfish" Ward*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *ah, jimmie... the world just got a bit darker. i'll miss your sweet smile and genuine kindness. Godspeed, my friend.*

Peggy Meidinger - April 28, 2015 at 10:18 PM



“ *James and family, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. I remember him as one of the "fun dads" from junior high and high school. My thoughts are with you. Big hugs to you all. Teresa Hicks*

Teresa Hicks - April 26, 2015 at 03:37 PM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Debra Bragg - April 25, 2015 at 10:15 AM

DB

“ I will miss Jimmy, We used to ride our Hodaka motorcycles all of the time, a bunch of us usually meet on Sundays for an all day ride. When we were probably 16 my bike would not shift so we took the side plate off and Jimmy was riding it to Tux Helms shop and was shifting it with his hand and that is when he cut off his finger. My family the Neely's will miss you also. RIP Jimmy I will never forget the wonderful memories your friend Debra (Neely) Bragg.



debra (Neely) Bragg - April 25, 2015 at 10:13 AM

DS

“ Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Jimmie "Catfish" Ward



Denise Stoddart - April 24, 2015 at 11:45 AM

JA

“ In everyone's life there are only a couple special friends, one's that you can count on in good times as well as the bad times. Jimmie was a special friend.

Jimmie, Al & I knew how to have a good time. On long motorcycle trips or short ones. We had a blast.

We have been known to have a couple beers while traveling.

Everyone knows you get mighty thirsty on bike rides.

We use to stop by the Oasis, pitch in \$5.00 a piece and play the nickel machines. Drink a few cold beers and tell stories. We never won but we sure had a good time.

If you ever saw Jimmie get up or sit down you knew how hard it was for him He never complained but just did it and kept that positive attitude. I admired that! Nothing seemed to get him down. Watching him gave me the strength to get thru my back & leg problems.

Once Jimmie was introduced to you he knew your name. From then on he called you by name.

Jimmie, I am really going to miss ya. But if there are motorcycles in heaven, Al, you & I will ride again.

So long my friend.

Jack

Jack - April 23, 2015 at 08:59 PM

HL

“ I would like know that I am very sorry for your loss I will miss seen him at c.c.

and his hummer thanks for the memory's

Hank Lordemann - April 23, 2015 at 08:07 PM

CH

“ Yvona and family, so sorry to hear about Jimmy. Know you're all in our thoughts and prayers. Cherish the fond memories!

CHERISE - April 23, 2015 at 06:26 PM

MH

“ RIP Catfish Altho your time here was way to short .The memories that you made while you where here will last forever in everyone's heart

Maria Hodge - April 22, 2015 at 11:39 PM

JK

“ Rest in peace now big man!! It was an honor seeing you every mornin and enjoying a many conversation with you. May the wind be always at your back and the sun forever shine upon you and your family's faces



Josh Kunick - April 22, 2015 at 04:58 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jimmie "Catfish" Ward.



April 22, 2015 at 04:57 PM

JK

“ Jack & Kathy lit a candle in memory of Jimmie "Catfish" Ward



Jack & Kathy - April 22, 2015 at 04:33 PM

JK

Our hearts are very saddened by the sudden loss of Jimmie. You are all in our thoughts & prayers.

Jack & Kathy - April 22, 2015 at 04:35 PM

KS

“ *The Brookfield MO High School Class of '72 kindly remembers Jimmie as a friend and classmate that will be missed. Always had a smile and a kind word for everyone no matter the circumstances. God speed Jimmie.* ”

Kathi Smith Stuart - April 22, 2015 at 02:34 PM

BS

“ *Betty Sattler lit a candle in memory of Jimmie "Catfish" Ward* ”



Betty Sattler - April 22, 2015 at 01:00 AM

AG

“ *ArleAne Gieser sent a virtual gift in memory of Jimmie "Catfish" Ward* ”



ArleAne Gieser - April 22, 2015 at 12:58 AM

AG

“ *The Ward Family,
I was shocked at the passing of Jimmie. He always had a smile or a joke, as well as a smart remark. Aunt Betty & i will sincerely miss him. I will miss him darn near breaking his neck to make sure i would see him waving as he passed me. He is ride that special harley in the skin, and teasing everyone he can. Again we are deeply sorry for your loss, he will greatly be missed.*

Arlene Gieser & Betty Sattler

Arlene Gieser - April 22, 2015 at 12:40 AM

LT

“ *Linda Theodore purchased the Sympathy Fruits Abound for the family of Jimmie "Catfish" Ward.*



Linda Theodore - April 21, 2015 at 11:54 PM

WF

“ *Walt Bonner N Family lit a candle in memory of Jimmie "Catfish" Ward*



Walt Bonner n Family - April 21, 2015 at 11:50 PM

LT

“ *Will always remember Jimmy's wonderful sense of humor! God be with you all at this time. My prayers are with you, Yvona and family.... Linda Theodore*

Linda Theodore - April 21, 2015 at 10:43 PM

FL

“ Our condolences to Jimmie's family. We will miss seeing his smiling face and always cheerful greeting when we saw him.



Frank & Janette Legato - April 21, 2015 at 09:37 PM

GK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the boys Jimmie will be missed very much gordy& masha knoll

Gordy knoll - April 21, 2015 at 08:33 PM

BT

“ He was a great man and will be missed deeply by so many. Rest in piece friend.



Brandon Torgerson - April 21, 2015 at 08:03 PM

FB

“ I remember 2000 in Sturgis, that was a good time.

Frank Benoit - April 21, 2015 at 05:45 PM

SS

“ Yvona, James and Bear...you are all in my constant thoughts. Jimmie is an amazing man and loved by all. He will be missed dearly. I'm so glad I was back to see him last week. My heart goes out to you all. I am truly sorry and saddened for your loss.

Shawna Shepard - April 21, 2015 at 05:09 PM

KS

“ Yvona and family, Noren and I are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. It just won't be the same this summer when the group would all meet for a refreshment. Always keep in your hearts the many happy memories that you shared over the past 40 years and he will be close by. Sorry we won't be able to attend the funeral. May God bless each one of you.
Noren and Karen Shanley

Karen Shanley - April 21, 2015 at 04:53 PM

JB

“ Jerry And Jane Bowles lit a candle in memory of Jimmie "Catfish" Ward



Jerry and Jane Bowles - April 21, 2015 at 03:42 PM

JB

It is soo hard to believe we won't see Jimmie's smiling face, here on this earth again. He was such a friendly person that made you feel like you were one of his best friends!! Truly enjoyed visiting with him. Our hearts and prayers go out to Yvonne and family and they will find comfort in all the wonderful memories they have of him and the love he had for them.

Jerry and Jane Bowles - April 21, 2015 at 03:49 PM

FB

We are so sorry for your loss, you will be in our prayers.

Frank Benoit - April 21, 2015 at 05:42 PM

TL

“ Yvona and boys,
I'm so sorry for your loss, always keep the special memories of your dad/husband in your heart and he will never be far away. Thinking of you on the difficult days and months to come!
Love,
Blake, Tami & Kailee

Tami Lee - April 21, 2015 at 02:55 PM

TB

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.. May good memories help to comfort you at this difficult time.... we are so very sorry for your loss...Steve & Tana Buckley

Tana Buckley - April 21, 2015 at 07:08 PM

MK

“ Sorry just doesn't seem enough. I will have you all in my thoughts and prayers. Hold the memories close to your heart.

Melissa Powell Kwasney

Melissa Powell Kwasney - April 21, 2015 at 02:22 PM

BH

“ Yvonna and family, so sorry for you loss. Thoughts and prayers to you all.

John and Brenda Herbaugh and family

Brenda Herbaugh - April 21, 2015 at 02:19 PM

KA

“ Yvonna, James, Bear,
So sorry to hear of Jim's passing he will be missed. My thoughts
and prayers are with you all at this time.
Karen Ask and family.

Karen Ask - April 20, 2015 at 08:06 PM

GM

“ Gene And Leslie Micheletto lit a candle in
memory of Jimmie "Catfish" Ward



Gene and Leslie Micheletto - April 20, 2015 at 07:52 PM

NS

*Working with Catfish, It was always good to see his smiling face and
positive attitude in the yard office. He always had something good to
say!*

Ride on dude!

Neal Shelton - April 21, 2015 at 06:31 PM

DB

“ We are still in disbelief. So sorry for your loss. Jimmie was a great
guy and friend. We will truly miss him. God bless. Dennis and Cindi

Dennis and Cindi Byron - April 20, 2015 at 04:19 PM

NR

“ So Sorry for your loss, Catfish will be deeply missed. We will be
thinking of your family and sending prayers your way. The Rowsey's

Nancy Rowsey - April 20, 2015 at 03:40 PM

RW

“ Vi & family

Even though this is a sad loss of Jimmy I have to remind you of the day of Jimmy and my rum & coke party. I will always remember that until the day I leave this earth, Many happier thoughts. Spider

Robert Webb - April 20, 2015 at 02:33 PM