



## John Robert Arthur

April 30, 1949 - August 6, 2022

John R. Arthur, age 73 of Richey, Montana passed away on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at the McCone County Health Center in Circle, Montana. Cause of death was Lewy Body Dementia.

John was born Apr. 30, 1949 in Terry Montana. His parents were Mary Lou and Eldon Arthur. He attended school in Circle, MT graduating in the class of 1967. On Aug. 16th, 1970 John married JoAnn Lobdell of Richey. In 1972 son, Robby John was born and in 1974 daughter, Marlo Marie. John and JoAnn made their home in Hardin (1970-1976), Dillon (1976-1982), and Richey (1982-present).

John worked as a lineman for Shennum Construction, Big Horn Electric, and Vigilante Electric. Some of his other occupations were fence contracting, seed cleaning, and his favorite was "The Real Santa". John ran a Santa agency from which he trained and placed other real bearded Santa's. For over 20 years John was the "Real Santa" at malls in Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Texas.

John was a home body and didn't enjoy traveling too much, but he loved to visit with friends and family. Family get-togethers were a joy to him. He rarely missed his afternoon "social" with buddies Gary, Tommy, and CC.

Surviving John are his wife JoAnn, son Rob (Ali), daughter Marlo, grandsons RJ and JD, and granddaughter Hailey; brothers Ron (Cheryl) Arthur, Dennis (Dennis) Arthur, and Paul (Kimber) Gebhardt; Uncles Earl Jensen and Larry Arthur; and Aunts Ramona Brandt, Iona Cridland; and numerous nephews

and nieces.

Preceding John in death were father Eldon Arthur, mother Mary Lou Gebhardt, stepfather Harold Gebhardt, sister-in-law Paula Gebhardt, son-in-law Barry Holzworth, father-in-law Dayton Lobdell, mother-in-law Selma Lobdell, sister-in-law Sharon Litton, brother-in-law Curtis Litton.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, August 15, 2022 at the American Lutheran Church in Richey with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. A reception will follow at the Senior Citizen Community Hall. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive, Montana has been entrusted with the arrangements. Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 15. 2:00 PM (MT)

American Lutheran Church  
Richey, MT 59259

# Tribute Wall

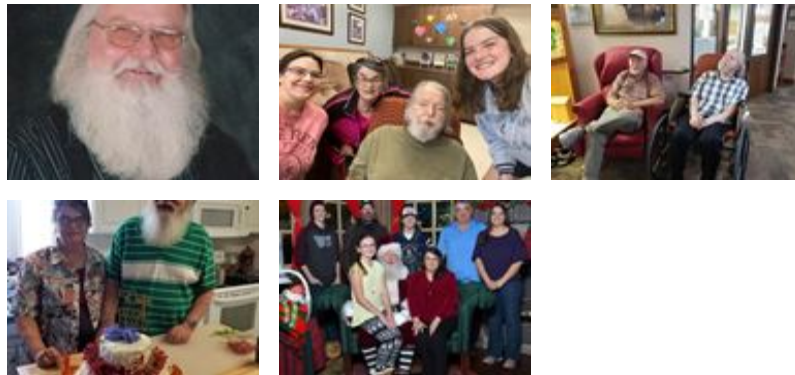


“ *John Robert Arthur*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *49 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Silha Funeral Home** - August 12, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ *So very sorry for the loss of John. May God comfort you and give you peace. John was a classmate for our 4 years of high school. Always was fun loving and a good person to be around. I didn't see him a lot in the last many years but always had a visit when I did.*

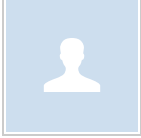
**Sheri Schmidt** - August 12, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ *Dave And Rachel McCloy lit a candle in memory of John Robert Arthur*



**Dave and Rachel McCloy** - August 12, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Robert Arthur.*



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August 11, 2022 at 10:26 AM



“ *To JoAnn and families of John; So sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a long time friend all through our grade school and high school. I last spoke with him last September at an all-school reunion in Circle. He was beginning to deal with this disease then, but he was bound and determined to visit with all of his classmates. May you find peace and solace in your memories of your husband, father and grandfather. R.I.P. John!*

*A friend and classmate... Trudy Kirkegard*

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**Trudy Kirkegard** - August 10, 2022 at 01:26 PM



*John was a very good man ! Worked with him for a few years and enjoyed him for sure !! God Bless !!!*

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**Sparky Dreesen** - August 10, 2022 at 08:56 PM



“ *JoAnn and family, very sorry to hear this, prayers and hugs for you all.*

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**Wanda Tofte** - August 10, 2022 at 01:18 PM



“ *Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of John Robert Arthur*



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**Andeen Raymond** - August 10, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of John Robert Arthur.*



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August 10, 2022 at 08:42 AM



“ *Prayers to your family! I always enjoyed him coming to the salon to get ready for his Santa season. Hang on to all the memories!*  
*Monica Reuter*

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**Monica Reuter** - August 09, 2022 at 10:17 PM

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“ *Joann and families: John was classmate of mine class of 67 Circle High School. John was a very special classmate. I was very sad to hear of John’s passing but I am aware the Lewey body dementia is a very harsh disease.*

*Be assured he is in God’s loving arms at peace no more pain. He will be your special angel smiling down on each of you.*

*God be with each of you.*

*Regards*

*Mary Jo (Nerud) Lawrence*

*Helena, Montana*

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**Mary Jo (Nerud) Lawrence** - August 09, 2022 at 09:47 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Robert Arthur.*



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August 09, 2022 at 08:51 PM

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“ *Rob and Jeri Hofman and Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of John Robert Arthur.*



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**Rob and Jeri Hofman and Family** - August 09, 2022 at 05:55 PM