



John D Athas

July 15, 1929 - June 17, 2020

John Dean Athas, age 90, of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive. Visitation will be Sunday, June 21, 2020 from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. at Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services will be Monday, June 22, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at the Evangelical Church of North America in Glendive, with Pastor David Steinbron and Pastor Robert Canen officiating. Interment with military honors will follow in Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with arrangements.

John was born on July 15, 1929, to Sam and Helen (Hamilton) Athas in Wheatland, Wyoming. He was raised and educated in Wheatland. Following school, he worked various jobs including parts manager at an auto parts store in Newcastle, Wyoming, until he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served for three years as an Aircraft Mechanic until his honorable discharge in 1950. After his service, John returned to Wheatland and worked for area farmers for a while before moving to Billings, Montana to be near his brother. He worked at an auto parts store for a couple of years before moving his new family to Jardine, Montana where he worked as a hunting guide during the season and slid power poles in the park for Montana Power during the offseason. In 1958, they moved to Glendive where he started his career at Hedahls Auto Parts. He continued working there and managing the business until his retirement in 1991.

John was united in marriage to Sally Brumley in 1952 in Elko, Nevada, and to this union two children were born. This marriage ended when Sally passed away in 1987. John later married Myrna Lee on January 28, 1990 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

John enjoyed horse racing and golfing. He was very skilled at wood working and was an excellent finish carpenter and was instrumental in building the new addition to the Evangelical Church. John always liked a good joke and was known to tease kids and give the adults a hard time. He loved spending time with family and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Sally, two sister, Louise Rorobrough and Margaret Lunde; two brothers, George and David. John is survived by his wife, Myrna Athas; children, Yvonda (Mike) Haggerty and Dave (Linda) Athas; stepchildren Tony (Glenna) Lee and Shana (Doug) Kaufman all of Glendive; ten grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Visitation

JUN 21. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
221 N. Meade Avenue
P.O. Box 848
Glendive, MT 59330
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Funeral Service

JUN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Evangelical Church of North America
118 West Borden Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *John D Athas*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Katherine Galvez lit a candle in memory of John D Athas*



Katherine Galvez - December 01, 2020 at 11:32 PM



“ *Dave, so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. I have such great memories of races in Billings and trips back and forth with you guys. Your Dad was a great guy and will be missed. Prayers for you and your family.*
Bonnie Schepens Larson

Bonnie Schepens Larson - June 23, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ *Bob And Kristie Stanhope lit a candle in memory of John D Athas*



Bob and Kristie Stanhope - June 22, 2020 at 10:50 AM

PW

“ To the Athas family, so sorry for your loss.
John and my dad, George shared a special bond, deeper than brotherly love. They also shared the same passion for fishing, hunting, and the love of horses. When I was 9 years old, Uncle John picked out a beautiful quarter horse for me which immediately became my best friend, for that I will never forget him. He enriched our lives in so many ways.

God Bless,
Tim and Pep (Athas) Whitish

Pep Whitish - June 21, 2020 at 01:22 PM

RK

“ Dave, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Rene Knapp - June 20, 2020 at 01:34 PM

JS

“ Jim And Donna Stanfill sent a virtual gift in memory of John D Athas



Jim and Donna Stanfill - June 20, 2020 at 10:34 AM

AG

“ Athas Family;

I am deeply sorry for the loss of Mr. Athas. I knew your family from living on river road. My brother Bryan and I did the run away thing when we were kids (our mom even packed a lunch, wrapped in a kerchief and tied to a stick) we got as far as the Grove of trees by your house, we got hungry. First Sally came to see if we were ok, we politely said yes ma'am, our mom packed us lunch. She chuckled all the way back to the house. A little while later Mr. Athas calls out and says. You guys are going to have to pay rent, we didn't know what to think, then here he comes with 2 large glasses of water. He says so yang ran away again, yup we did. Why this time. We told him phyllis was being really mean to us. Good reason he told us. He left an we left a bit later headed for home cause we were tired. He called mom to let her know the run aways were on the way home. When I worked at K-mart he asked what my name was I said Mr. Athas I think you already know. Needless to say he reminded me of those times. He was a very nice man and so was your mom. You Mr.Athas have earned you wing so soar and soar high. Rest In Peace.



Arlene Gieser - June 20, 2020 at 12:42 AM

CC

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers!!

Cindy Cudmore - June 19, 2020 at 08:23 PM

BB

“ *Bonnie Broeder lit a candle in memory of John D Athas*



Bonnie Broeder - June 19, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Myrna. Sending healing thoughts and prayers for you and your family. God Bless.*

Andeen Raymond - June 19, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ *Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of John D Athas*



Andeen Raymond - June 19, 2020 at 01:37 PM

MS

“ *Mel Sampson lit a candle in memory of John D Athas*



Mel Sampson - June 19, 2020 at 12:55 PM

MG

“ *Myrna and family, Thinking of you all through this difficult time, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*
~Mary Jo Gehmert

Mary Jo Gehmert - June 18, 2020 at 11:24 PM

DS

“ *Dick Sadorf lit a candle in memory of John D Athas*



Dick Sadorf - June 18, 2020 at 07:50 PM

DD

“ *Dan & Donna Dobson lit a candle in memory of John D Athas*



Dan & Donna Dobson - June 18, 2020 at 06:18 PM