



John Jacob Hollstein

April 17, 1924 - March 20, 2016

John Jacob Hollstein, age 91, of Wibaux, Montana passed away Sunday, March 20, 2016 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive, Montana. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

John was born in Beach on April 17, 1924 to Charles and Elizabeth (Ulfers) Hollstein. He was delivered by midwife Mrs. George Nutter, grandmother of former Governor Donald Nutter of Montana.

John was educated in the Beach school system and graduated from Beach High School with the class of 1942. He excelled in Football and Music.

John married Connie Mosser on February 8, 1945 at the Beach Congregational Church. They were married for 71 years and lived on the Hollstein family ranch in Wibaux County.

John ranched with his brother-in-law, Dick Mosser at Maurine, South Dakota for many years, where they ran a yearling cattle operation. John enjoyed his ranching days there and also ranching in Wibaux. He and the Miske family had many good times trailing cattle back from summer pasture.

In 1997, John and Connie adopted a young child, Tsering Palmo(Sangha), that they had become acquainted with through their mission work. Tsering was a Tibetan child in a refugee school. Tsering was very important to her Dad. Later, Tsering s' cousin, Tenzin, also became their foster daughter.

John was a lifelong member of the Beach Congregational Church, which later became the United Community Church, which both his grandfathers had started in the 1900's. John was raised in a Christian home and he never

departed from his faith. He was president of the new church building committee and sang in the choir for 52 years, as well as singing in the Beach Community Choir. John taught Sunday school until he was in his eighties. John and Connie had enjoyable trips to Hawaii and Europe, where they visited Connie's British relatives in England. John had a pilot's license and owned a Cessna 182. He enjoyed taking friends and family flying over the Badlands and flying to the South Dakota Ranch. John was on many committees for ranching and farming over the years and won an achievement award for conservation in 1969.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Elizabeth; his sisters, Ruth and Ilo; and his brother, Charles who was killed accidentally at age 9. John is survived by his wife, Connie of Wibaux; his daughter, Tsering (Namgyal) Sangha and their daughter, Claire of Billings, Montana; his foster daughter, Tenzin (Jampa) Norbu and their daughter, Tenzin of Minneapolis, Minnesota; his nephews, Kendrick (Linda) Strong of Wisconsin, Doug (Rosie) Mosser of Wibaux and Randy (Sue) Mosser of Medora, North Dakota and his nieces, Martha Rosenthal of Wisconsin, Marilyn (Merle) Koon of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Jayne (Vern) Harkins of Boulder City, Nevada.

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

Cemetery Details

Beach City Cemetery

Beach, ND 58621

Previous Events

Prayer Service

MAR 23. 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Beach, North Dakota
125 4th Avenue Southwest
P.O. Box 488
Beach, ND 58621
(701) 872-3232
silha@midstate.net

Service

MAR 24. 2:00 PM (MT)

United Community Church
335 South Central Avenue
Beach, ND 58621

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Martha Menninger-McKee lit a candle in memory of John Hollstein*



Martha Menninger-McKee - August 24, 2024 at 08:29 PM



“ *John Jacob Hollstein*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM

DS

“ *John Holstein - what can I say? He and Connie were an amazing couple who served their community and loved their God. John was my Sunday School teacher, and even though I wasn't a Christian at the time, I recognized there was something different about him. Years later I can look back (and often have) and remember his witness. Connie - thanks for your example and your walk. My parents thought the most of you and John. The pain of loss on earth is great. The rejoicing in heaven is much.*

Dan Spiegelberg - April 22, 2016 at 08:17 PM

SW

“*Connie, I never told you how much you and John meant to me as a young person growing up in Beach. You and John shared duty as my Sunday School teachers for several years and your warmth, acceptance, love and guidance helped me grow in my personal and spiritual life. It is a wonderful thing for children to know that adults from their community and church support and care for them and I was blessed to have you both in my life during that time. Beyond that, I loved hearing John sing in church, sharing his gift of music with us. And, Connie, I remember that you really did NOT like box elder bugs and our church had plenty of them! I was so proud to be able to help you by removing one from your hat once during Sunday School. May God bless you and comfort you today. With Love,*
Susie Spiegelberg Weinreis”

Susie Spiegelberg Weinreis - April 14, 2016 at 09:45 AM

KC

“*We appreciated knowing John and all his family over the years of taking care of his ears. He was always such a gentleman with a good attitude about life. His faith was always evident. Kim Callahan and Michelle Palmer at Heart River Hearing*”

Kim Callahan - March 23, 2016 at 04:57 PM

KJ

“*Sorry we will not be able to go to John's funeral. But sending Connie a big hug, and wanting you to know we are thinking of you during this difficult time. Love, Kelly & Judy Jones*”

Kelly & Judy Jones - March 22, 2016 at 04:55 PM

LK

“ *Lobsang Tenzing, Khando, Dhanze and Kesang purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of John Jacob Hollstein.*



Lobsang Tenzing, Khando, Dhanze and Kesang - March 22, 2016 at 01:28 PM

RD

“ *John was a man I looked up to with great admiration. I spoke with him often about his girls whom he loved way more than words can describe. John was the most gentle, kind and generous man I think I've ever known. There is no doubt he is hearing the words, "Well done my good and faithful servant." John, Give Jesus a big hug for me! I will miss you.*

*Randy Dietz
(Atlas Windshield Repair)*

Randy Dietz - March 22, 2016 at 12:09 PM

BM

“ *Sending our love and thoughts and prayers to you Connie and Family at this time. John was a great man and Godfather to my brother and I.*

*Brenda and Greg Messer
Amanda and Ashlyn*

Beenda Hildebrant Messer - March 22, 2016 at 09:00 AM