



## John Morasko

July 20, 1932 - May 16, 2009

Glendive, Montana: John Morasko, 76 years old, passed away peacefully and pain-free on Monday, May 11, 2009 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. Visitation will be held from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Friday, May 15, 2009 in the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Vigil service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, May 15, 2009 in the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Sacred Heart Catholic church in Glendive with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Rite of Committal will be in Dawson County cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. John was born on July 20, 1932 the son of Frank and Mary (Legato) Morasko in Glendive. John attended Sacred Heart School, Lincoln Elementary School and graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1949. John convinced the love of his life, Martha Ann Pickering, from El Dorado, Arkansas to marry him, and they started their life together on December 31, 1953. John lived with diabetes, neuropathy and constant pain for the last eighteen years with dignity, grace and a sense of humor, with the never-ending support of his wife, Ann and entire family. John's fight against diabetes, neuropathy and pain ended in renal failure. We now have the biggest and baddest Guardian Angel watching over us all. He was a machinist for Northern Pacific Railroad and worked on both steam and diesel engines for ten years. During this time, John also served in the Montana National Guard. In November of 1957, with two

babies and one on the way, John decided to switch careers and began his journey with State Farm Insurance as an agent. It was at this time that John found a job he loved and a way to support his growing family. His career with State Farm provided the opportunity for John to exercise his love and compassion for his fellow man, his unfaltering sense of right and wrong and his anonymous, charitable actions towards those less fortunate than himself. A client recently shared the following sentiments on John and how he cared for his customers: John will always be remembered as "The Great Communicator". John would council young drivers about their driving habits – sometimes gently and other times not so gently. In either case, the young folks got the message. The message wasn't always about keeping their rates low, but more importantly, about the lifetime circumstances of being foolish. John always took the time to sit and visit with you and always asked about your family. Not just to make conversation, but because he actually cared. John's passing will leave an empty space in the heart of Glendive and mark the hearts of many with very fond memories. John was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather and was admired and respected by our community. Thank you to Terry and Glennis Osborn for such a wonderful tribute to John. You summarized what he valued in his chosen profession beautifully. John missed his interactions with his clients after he retired December 31, 2003 after 46 years of dedicated service. While celebrating his retirement, he also celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary. John took on his interests with great passion and love no matter what it was. He loved hunting and fishing and many family adventures and memories were spent on Montana rivers and Yellowstone Park. John spent over ten years raising Quarter horses, and he loved the colts. His beloved champion Quarter horse Mr. Hepcat had John traveling around the United States and Canada to shows. Mr. Hepcat won many awards, ribbons and trophies that John proudly displayed in his office. As John's six children grew up, he turned his energy and passion into support for their activities, such as cooking for the swim team, campfire girls and football boys. John loved to watch football practice,

football, basketball and baseball games, even if he did not have a son or daughter, grandchild, or niece or nephew on the field. He enjoyed watching the kids playing such wonderful sports and having a great time. John also bragged that Glendive had the best pep band in the state. After time, John's proud display of horse trophies and awards was replaced with pictures and awards of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was so very proud of his family and bragged about their scholastic honors, athletic honors, and their pursuits in life in general. The highlights of his travels once his children were all grown were his numerous trips to Italy. John was in full glory with his adventures through the villages, meat stands, town squares, and stopping in to all the churches and lighting candles for those he loved. Above all things, it was John's unconditional love for his family and friends, a love that did not waiver no matter how far his loved ones fell, or how high they soared. John will be known as a man of tremendous intelligence, common sense and perseverance, but to his family, he will be remembered for his deep love for his wife Ann. After 56 years of marriage, he still considered her the "prettiest girl in the room" and their love for each other burns bright, even in his passing. We should all learn from John to fill our lives with love as he did. Love of work, love of family, love of hobbies and love of life. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; Joe, Albert, Jerry and Paul Morasko, one sister Lorraine Morasko Mendenhall. Survivors include his wife Ann of Glendive; one son, Jay Morasko and his wife Shelly of Glendive; five daughters, Toni Morasko of Dickinson, North Dakota, Sandy Barnick and her husband David of Glendive, Gwyn Morasko of Long Beach, California, Sheila Raunig and her husband Mike of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, Shelly Nearpass and her husband Brian of Billings, Montana; he is also survived by 13 grandchildren, Tara Ackerman and her husband Jason and their children Beau, Ase and Anthony, Brandi Kovash and her husband Dan and their children Drew, Jace and Bella, Gary Barnick and his wife Amanda and their children Abby and Joey, James Barnick and his wife Sarah and their children

James and Brianna, Tia Morasko, Jaylin Knutson and her husband Nate, Vincent Morasko, John Barnick, Tom Barnick, Dan Raunig, Maria Raunig, Katie Nearpass and Ben Nearpass; John is also survived by one sister, Mary Kitzenberg and her husband Darrel of Plentywood, Montana; four sisters-in-law, Jackie Morasko, Janice Morasko, Doris Morasko and Noni Morasko; son-in-law; Carl Barnick and numerous nieces and nephews. John deserves a hero's welcome in heaven because he brought so much life and love to this earth while he was here. *Vivi bene, ridi spesso e ama tanto.* (Live Well, Laugh Often, Love Much) Memorials are suggested to: Dawson County Boys and Girls Club, Box 875 Glendive, Glendive ABC Baseball, Box 333 Glendive, Glendive Medical Center Hospice Program, 202 Prospect Drive Glendive. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silvefnale-silhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silvefnale-silhafuneralhome.com) John Morasko Tribute Video from Tribute Videos on Vimeo.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Morasko*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Antonia Moasko lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*



**Antonia Moasko** - February 05, 2020 at 11:59 PM



“ *Missing you tonight dad. Wish you were here 🤔 Love you. Miss you 💔. Love Antonia*

**Antonia Moasko** - February 05, 2020 at 11:59 PM



“ *Thinking of you tonight and missing you everyday dad. I love you ❤️ Love Antonia*



**Antonia Morasko** - September 07, 2019 at 11:39 PM

AM

“ It's 2019 and your missed every day. I love you forever 😭



Antonia Morasko - January 03, 2019 at 12:17 PM

AM

“ Missing my dad today



Antonia Morasko - August 06, 2017 at 11:58 AM

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“ Miss you dad. Love you so much



Antonia - May 07, 2017 at 09:04 PM

AM

“ Missed you today and everyday. I know how you loved Christmas. Mom did good you would be proud of her.



Antoniia Morasko - December 25, 2016 at 09:57 PM

AM

“ Happy Fathers Day dad, miss you everyday❤️

Antonia Morasko - June 19, 2016 at 02:42 PM

AM

“ Antonia Morasko sent a virtual gift in memory of John Morasko



Antonia Morasko - June 19, 2016 at 02:41 PM

AN

“ 7 years today since we lost you. Miss you everyday. Love you



Antonia - May 11, 2016 at 06:54 PM

AN

“ Antonia sent a virtual gift in memory of John Morasko



Antonia - December 24, 2015 at 12:36 PM

AN

Your my angel dad 🌲

Antonia - December 24, 2015 at 12:36 PM

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“ *Antonia lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*



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**Antonia** - December 24, 2015 at 12:33 PM

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*Merry Christmas dad, sure miss you and I know how you loved Christmas. Just not the same without you. 🎄*

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**Antonia** - December 24, 2015 at 12:35 PM

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“ *Antonia lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*



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**Antonia** - November 26, 2015 at 08:43 AM

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“ *Antonia sent a virtual gift in memory of John Morasko*



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**Antonia** - September 15, 2015 at 10:46 AM

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*Dad, Tara needs your help getting well. Please help her find her way back home*

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**Antonia** - September 15, 2015 at 10:47 AM

AN

“ Happy Birthday dad❤️ I miss you and love you. 🎂📺🎈

Antonia - July 20, 2015 at 10:47 AM

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“ Antonia sent a virtual gift in memory of John Morasko



Antonia - July 20, 2015 at 10:46 AM

AN

Happy Birthday dad! I love and miss you❤️

Antonia - July 20, 2015 at 10:48 AM

AN

“ Antonia sent a virtual gift in memory of John Morasko



Antonia - June 21, 2015 at 09:51 PM

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“ Happy Fathers Day dad. I miss you and love you❤️

Antonia - June 21, 2015 at 09:49 PM

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“ *Antonia lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*



Antonia - June 21, 2015 at 09:47 PM

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“ *Antonia lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*



Antonia - June 18, 2015 at 05:08 PM

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*Missing you today 😊*

Antonia - June 18, 2015 at 05:09 PM

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“ *Missing you today and everyday. Love you, Antonia*

Antonia Morasko - May 14, 2015 at 04:37 PM

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“ *Antonia Morasko sent a virtual gift in memory of John Morasko*



Antonia Morasko - May 14, 2015 at 04:36 PM

AN

“ Sure could use one of your bear hugs! Miss you everyday dad.💔

Antonia - April 06, 2015 at 09:33 AM

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“ Antonia sent a virtual gift in memory of John Morasko



Antonia - April 06, 2015 at 09:32 AM

AN

“ Thinking of you dad on this Easter. Miss you❤️

Antonia - April 06, 2015 at 09:31 AM

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“ Antonia lit a candle in memory of John Morasko



Antonia - April 06, 2015 at 09:29 AM

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“ Antonia sent a virtual gift in memory of John Morasko



Antonia - March 19, 2015 at 09:05 PM

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“ *Antonia sent a virtual gift in memory of John Morasko*



Antonia - March 19, 2015 at 09:02 PM

AN

*Dad, wishing you were here, I need you right now, and miss you so much. Almost 6 years and it seems like today💔 love you*

Antonia - March 19, 2015 at 09:04 PM

AM

“ *Missing you today💔*

Antonia Morasko - March 13, 2015 at 08:46 PM

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“ *Antonia Morasko sent a virtual gift in memory of John Morasko*



Antonia Morasko - March 13, 2015 at 08:45 PM

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“ *Antonia Morasko lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*



Antonia Morasko - March 08, 2015 at 05:52 PM

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“ *Antonia Morasko lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*



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**Antonia Morasko** - January 01, 2015 at 12:38 AM

AM

*Really need you right now, please look after Tara, she's in bad shape, I know today you and mom would be celebrating 61 years. Happy Anniversary. I love and miss you. Please help Tara find here way back home. I miss her, we all miss her.*

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**Antonia Morasko** - January 01, 2015 at 12:44 AM

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“ *Antonia Morasko lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*



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**Antonia Morasko** - December 24, 2014 at 01:11 PM

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“ *Antonia Morasko lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*



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**Antonia Morasko** - December 05, 2014 at 09:29 PM

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“ *Happy Thanksgiving Dad, we miss you* 💔

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**Antonia Morasko** - November 27, 2014 at 03:16 PM

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“ *Antonia Morasko lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*



Antonia Morasko - November 27, 2014 at 03:14 PM

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“ *Antonia Morasko lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*



Antonia Morasko - November 12, 2014 at 12:07 AM

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“ *Antonia lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*



Antonia - October 27, 2014 at 10:27 AM

AN

*Miss you dad every day* 💔

Antonia - October 27, 2014 at 10:29 AM

AM

“ *Antonia Morasko lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*



Antonia Morasko - October 08, 2014 at 01:07 AM

AM

*Dad I need your help to get me through these past hard days. I wish you were here to help me figure out what I should about a unhappy job situation I'm in. I know your watching 😞 Please pray for me and give me an answer. Love you forever💔*

Antonia Morasko - October 08, 2014 at 01:12 AM

AM

“ *Antonia Morasko lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*



Antonia Morasko - September 27, 2014 at 12:42 AM

AM

“ *Antonia Morasko lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*



Antonia Morasko - September 18, 2014 at 10:38 PM

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“ *Antonia Morasko sent a virtual gift in memory of John Morasko*



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**Antonia Morasko** - September 18, 2014 at 10:36 PM

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“ *Antonia Morasko lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*



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**Antonia Morasko** - September 10, 2014 at 10:01 PM

AM

*I miss you dad every every day, you are so missed. You would have loved the new football field. I'm hoping you can see from Heaven 😭*

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**Antonia Morasko** - September 18, 2014 at 10:41 PM

AM

*Miss you dad 😭 Love you so much, found out you were right about life 💔 my heart will be forever broken 💔 Love Antonia*

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**Antonia Morasko** - September 18, 2014 at 10:44 PM

AM

“ *Sure miss you dad 💔 I love and miss you everyday 😭*

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**Antonia Morasko** - September 10, 2014 at 09:59 PM

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“ *I love you dad!*”



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**Antonia** - June 30, 2014 at 11:58 AM

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“ *Miss you more today*”



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**Antonia** - June 30, 2014 at 11:57 AM

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“ *Antonia lit a candle in memory of John Morasko*”



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**Antonia** - June 26, 2014 at 06:52 PM

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*Always on my mind, miss you everyday??*

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**Antonia** - June 26, 2014 at 07:00 PM