



John Wielgosh

April 19, 1942 - January 26, 2025

John Wielgosh, age 82, passed away Sunday, January 26th 2025 at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux, Montana. John was born in 1942 to Henry and Cornellia Wielgosh. He attended rural grade schools and graduated from Dawson County High in 1960. He earned an Agra-business degree from Bozeman in 1965. John served six years in the Montana Army reserve. He farmed, then strictly ranched on his home place all of his life. He really enjoyed hunting, fishing, and just watching wildlife in general. John was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by brothers Ramon and Eldon, and sister-in-law Carole.

A Graveside service will be at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive, Montana, with Father Francis Schreiber officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

LE

“ I just found out John passed.
He always called me his song bird in church. I miss his warm smile
when he held my hand giving me the sign of peace.

Lynette Elenberger - November 02, 2025 at 09:47 PM



“ Kymberley Allen lit a candle in memory of
John Wielgosh



Kymberley Allen - October 14, 2025 at 09:44 PM

CC

“ Keith and Connie will miss you John, Always
loved our visits all the time any time we met
you down town, always , and the time you
spent with Keith being on the Weed Board,
you were an awesome person, we will surely
miss you, forever, but we will never forget you! Keith and Connie
Carver



Connie Keith Carver - March 01, 2025 at 12:24 PM

CC

“ Connie Keith Carver lit a candle in memory of
John Wielgosh



Connie Keith Carver - March 01, 2025 at 12:22 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Connie Keith Carver - March 01, 2025 at 12:21 PM

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Connie Keith Carver - March 01, 2025 at 12:16 PM

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“ 7 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Connie Keith Carver - March 01, 2025 at 12:08 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Connie Keith Carver - March 01, 2025 at 12:00 PM

NK

“ Eldon and Carol so sorry to hear of your brother's passing. We will always remember him giving us the beautiful petrified wood. You are in our thoughts and prayers

Noren and Karen - January 30, 2025 at 02:49 PM

SB

“ Stacey B lit a candle in memory of John Wielgosh



Stacey B - January 29, 2025 at 10:14 PM

RJ

“ Rick and Kay McDonough Jensen lit a candle in memory of John Wielgosh



Rick and Kay McDonough Jensen - January 29, 2025 at 07:27 PM

“ I wrote this post on Facebook and thought I'd share....

Our daughter, Riley's, dear friend, John, passed away this morning. Riley met John at church when she was a 1st year college student at Dawson College in Glendive, MT. She was a lost soul then and sought out her church for comfort. They sat in the same pew and began talking one day. She spent many hours with him at church, breakfasts at various restaurants, Moose pancake breakfast, etc etc. Their bond was strong. You see, John never married and never had children. He often referred to Riley as the daughter he never had. They shared pictures, memories, phone calls, stories and friendship. That first year for Riley was a TOUGH, TOUGH one. John came into her life at a time she NEEDED him most. He needed HER just as much. I have to admit when she first started saying she was going here and going there with someone named John and he was in his 80's...I was a little concerned. Then, I met him. John's heart was bigger than most. He was a dedicated Catholic and loved and cared for many. He was a rancher/farmer and they had much to talk about. He attended her graduation with glee and the picture in my head of him standing with his hat in hand during the Pledge of Allegiance is forever marked in my brain. He was so very excited for her. The tears that he cried when they parted ways was heartbreaking. I witnessed the love between them first hand. Doug and I welcomed John into our lives as well. He was a GREAT man. He loved our daughter as his own. I could go on and on about the joy he brought Riley and vice versa. Throughout Riley's next 2 years in Bozeman at MSU they would have many LONG phone conversations about everything and nothing. John also graduated from MSU, so they had that commonality too. She made 2 visits back to Glendive JUST to see him. They spent time on his small ranch and met neighbors and relatives that shaped John's life. I will be FOREVER grateful that God brought this beautiful man into our daughters life. He was a true gentleman and friend. His Christmas cards sent that said, "Happy Birthday, Jesus" were my favorite. The lost art of handwritten letters and actual pictures would be in those envelopes. John fought cancer for years.

He told Riley several months ago that he was done fighting and was ready to go home, to God. He was looking forward to being in the arms of Jesus. Their last conversation was about a week ago, although she tried over the past few days to call, but he was unresponsive. John was having difficulty speaking and Riley couldn't speak because of her tears leaving her speechless. They told each other they loved one another. It broke my heart. My heart breaks now for my daughter, who hasn't had to ever navigate a death of a friend. We all know he is where he looked forward to being, but DAMMIT, this sucks! RIP John, you meant the world to my daughter and brought her peace and joy during a time that she needed it most. Thank you for loving our daughter as much as we do. ❤️💔🙏 Rest peacefully and easy, you were loved my many, thank you for loving one of mine.



Christine Larson - January 29, 2025 at 03:46 PM

KW

*I'd like to comment to Riley's mother! That was a truly beautiful letter you wrote about John and Riley! I met Riley in church with John! My son & I sat almost directly across from them in church, I always gave Riley the peace sign! I also sat with them at pancake breakfasts! John was in my class in high school! I too, witnessed their special friendship! I missed her when she went to Missoula to finish college! She was truly a sweet girl! I'm sorry I missed his funeral but I hear Riley made it! That was wonderful! John told me he talked on the phone to Riley lots! I remembered her because I have a wonderful granddaughter named Riley! You certainly did a beautiful job raising Riley! God bless y'all!
Sincerely Kay Christianson Wynne*

kay Wynne - January 31, 2025 at 10:28 PM

JB

“ *jim and alice bachmeier lit a candle in memory of John Wielgosh*



jim and alice bachmeier - January 29, 2025 at 11:51 AM

JH

“ *2 files added to the album Tribute Wall*



Jana Hance - January 28, 2025 at 08:27 PM



“ *Toni Schultz lit a candle in memory of John Wielgosh*



Toni Schultz - January 28, 2025 at 03:26 PM

BR

“ Thankful for our time with sweet Johnny. An honest man devoted to his faith, family and friends. He will be dearly missed. With love -
Tate, Bradie and Otto



Bradie - January 28, 2025 at 02:27 PM

AS

“ Anita and Butch Spencer lit a candle in memory of John Wielgosh



Anita and Butch Spencer - January 27, 2025 at 06:48 PM



“ Ramon, Eldon and Carole; so sorry for your loss, John will be missed!



Linda Wyse - January 27, 2025 at 06:42 PM

MM

“ Marla McCormick lit a candle in memory of John Wielgosh



Marla McCormick - January 27, 2025 at 06:26 PM