



John Joseph Wise

April 28, 1933 - September 21, 2024

2 Timothy 4:7 “I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

John Joseph Wise, age 91, went to eternal life on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at the Eastern Montana Veteran's Home in Glendive, Montana. A Prayer Service will be held at 10:00 AM with Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Golva with Father Adam Maus officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

John, or as most people knew him as “Johnny”, was born on April 28, 1933 to Henry and Mary (Thomas) Wise at the family’s home southeast of Golva, ND. He received his early education at country schools near Golva, then attended and graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Miles City, MT. During his high school years, Johnny lived with Nick and Agnes Maus for a short time and eventually came to live with Albert and Aggie Maus. While living in the dorms at Sacred Heart High School, Johnny would work for room and board at the Sacred Heart Hospital by working in the kitchen and pediatric ward. He played two years of football-one year “on the bench” and the second year he was awarded All-Conference Player, which he was very proud of.

After graduation, Johnny worked for a seismograph crew in North Dakota and Montana. He enlisted in the Army in December of 1954, working as a

bulldozer operator helping to reconstruct Germany after World War II. When Johnny was discharged from the service, he returned to farm his grandfather Theodore's homestead near Golva. He said that he only paid 50 cents an acre for the quarter of land. Later, Johnny bought two quarters from Delphine Barthel's children. Johnny milked cows to help pay for his FHA loans.

If you knew Johnny, you knew he had a good sense of humor and was known for his one-liners. Johnny was also a lover of food. He would return to the food line three or four times and would say, "Have you seen my "twin" brother through here?" Johnny attended a chemical meeting one night in Golva. The chemical rep was explaining their new chemical called "Quilt", when Johnny asked the question: "If I put "Quilt" on my alfalfa, will it keep it from freezing?" He also loved to joke around with the help at the Manor.

Johnny moved up to the Golden Valley Manor about four years ago. Since the summer of 2024, he lived at St. Benedictine Health Center in Dickinson, North Dakota, and had recently moved to the Eastern Montana Veterans Home. Johnny is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Mary; two brothers, Theodore Jr. and Harry; four sisters, Katherine Wise, Rose Frandrich, Mary Stapleton, and Veronica Wise; and his "adoptive" parents, Nick and Agnes Maus and Albert and Aggie Maus.

Johnny is survived by the Albert Maus families and the Ernie Maus families. Remembrances and condolences may be shared at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Golva, ND

Previous Events

Prayer Service

OCT 5. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
405 Gass Street
Golva, ND

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I too had the good fortune of having John as a nearby neighbor and I always held a special place in my heart for him....a little mischievous and truly kind. I will really miss knowing that you are around for a big smile and a little visit if ever I had the joy of seeing you. May you rest in peace, my dear friend!

Vernette (Irons) Underwood

VERNETTE L UNDERWOOD - October 04, 2024 at 04:45 PM

KF

“ What a wonderful neighbor out on the farm. Johnny was a kind and gentle spirit. I appreciated him leading the rosary before Mass on Sunday many times. Thank you Maus' for caring and making him a part of your families. God Bless Johnny!

Kay Finneman - October 02, 2024 at 12:13 PM

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“ Johnny was always a favorite of mine. He always had a smile and something funny to say. It didn't matter to him who you were; he liked to tease you. He was a great tablemate for Mom and Dad at the Manor. They both enjoyed his company, and he made a connection with Dad right up until Dad left the Manor. Well done; you are a true and faithful servant.

Susan Erlenbusch - October 01, 2024 at 01:04 PM

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“ Johnny was our neighbor when we lived on the farm. All the kids in the neighborhood loved to trick or treat at his house, as he always gave out full size candy bars and cans of pop! We always enjoyed visiting with Johnny. He was a special guy! Rest in peace Johnny.

Paul and Carol Finneman - September 29, 2024 at 07:17 PM

TC

“ May you rest in peace John!



Tiffany Conaway - September 24, 2024 at 11:00 PM