



Joseph "Joe" Glenn Borntrager

April 30, 1948 - December 15, 2022

Joseph "Joe" G. Borntrager, age 74 of Billings, Montana, formerly of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at the Billings Clinic Hospital in Billings. A memorial service with military honors will be held at 10:00 A.M., Friday, January 6, 2023 at the Glendive Evangelical Church with Pastor David Steinbron officiating. A luncheon will be held immediately following in the church basement. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with the arrangements.

Joe was born on April 30, 1948, in Sidney, Montana to parents Mahlon and Elizabeth (Troyer) Borntrager. He was the oldest of four siblings. Joe attended school as a child at Pleasant Plains and Red Top Schools near Bloomfield, Montana and graduated from Richey High School in Richey, Montana in 1966. He attended one year of college at Dawson Community College in Glendive, Montana before being drafted into the United States Navy.

Joe was drafted into the United States Navy in 1967, stationed in Hong Kong, serving as a nuclear electrician serving on many different submarines, his last duty was on the USS Francis Scott Key. During his time in the Navy, he encountered many issues that were somewhat traumatizing to him. He was on a nuclear submarine that exploded and caught on fire, causing Joe to require skin grafting to heal him. Another incident found them plunging deeper than the maximum depth allowed by the submarines, with engines that had gone out and flooding taking place. To say the least, Joe was happy to be honorably discharged from the military in 1973 and head back to Glendive, Montana.

Upon his return from service, he was employed by Burlington Northern Railroad as a Maintenance of Way worker. In 1974 he went to work as a trainman and conductor, eventually promoting to an Engineer and retiring from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad in 2007 after 34 years of service. Joe was united in marriage to Denise (Ballentine) Borntreger on August 20, 1988, in Glendive, Montana, and through this union he gained a daughter, Mandie (Ballentine) Melton.

He was a prior member of the VFW, BLET and Lower Yellowstone Chapter of ABATE. He loved his family, his friends and he dearly loved his old group of coffee buddies. One of Joe's favorite things to do was to travel. Whether he was enjoying a family ski trip with his father-in-law, riding to a new adventure with his motorcycle family, traveling to the coast to see his brothers and their families, taking leisurely drives to see the sights with his wife or taking his grandkids on their first Disney World Adventures. He loved to go! He also always made sure that he attended all of his grandkid's music and sporting events that he could get to. Joe was looking forward to becoming a Great Grandpa in February 2023 to a great granddaughter.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents Mahlon and Elizabeth Borntreger along with numerous aunts and uncles.

Joe is survived by his wife, Denise (Ballentine) Borntreger of Billings, Montana; his daughter Mandie (Bill) Melton of Glendive, Montana; his grandchildren Kiera, Karina and Korbyn Melton all of Glendive, Montana; his brothers Walt (Linda) Borntreger of Cottage Grove, OR; Reverend Phillip Borntreger of Ardmore, OK and Paul (Peggy) Borntreger of Tigard, OR along with numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (MT)

Glendive Evangelical Church
118 W Borden St
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall

GJ

“ Greg Peggy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borntrager



Greg & Peggy Johnson - January 06, 2023 at 07:28 PM

TD

“ Denise, Mandie and family~ I'm sorry for your loss of Joe. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Tammy Dey - January 05, 2023 at 09:13 PM

DU

“ Dick Ulrich lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borntrager



Dick Ulrich - January 04, 2023 at 06:12 PM



“ 44 files added to the album LifeTributes



Silha Funeral Home - December 30, 2022 at 05:31 PM



“ Denise, Mandie and family,
We were so sorry to hear about Joe. It's been a long time since we lived across the street from each other in FP. Please know that we are thinking about all of you. Kathy and Mel Sampson



Mel Sampson - December 29, 2022 at 06:00 PM



Thank you. ♡

Mandie Melton - January 05, 2023 at 06:14 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rita George - December 29, 2022 at 04:52 PM

MM

“ *Mark Joanne Makelky lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borotrager*



Mark and Joanne Makelky - December 28, 2022 at 07:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Glenn Borotrager.*



December 28, 2022 at 05:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Glenn Borotrager.*



December 28, 2022 at 04:17 PM

JS

“ *Jim Donna Stanfill lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borotrager*



Jim and Donna Stanfill - December 26, 2022 at 05:37 PM

GE

“ Grace Evinrude lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borotrager



Grace Koffler Evinrude - December 26, 2022 at 08:25 AM

AB

“ Joe will surely be missed! He was always on top of the news and a good conversationalist. We pray for Denise's comfort during these difficult times.
Bruce and Amy

Arven B. Ballentine - December 23, 2022 at 09:28 PM

MM

Thank you uncle Bruce and aunt Amy

Mandie Melton - January 05, 2023 at 06:15 PM

JK

“ Jack Kathy lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borotrager



Jack & Kathy - December 21, 2022 at 08:22 PM

MD

“ *Ron MJ Doll*



mJ doll - December 19, 2022 at 06:33 PM

LM

“ *LauraLee Myran lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borotrager*



LauraLee Myran - December 19, 2022 at 03:36 PM

JB

“ *jim bachmeier lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borotrager*



jim bachmeier - December 18, 2022 at 11:13 PM

JB

“ *Jim Alice Bachmeier lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borotrager*



Jim and Alice Bachmeier - December 17, 2022 at 09:54 PM

DC

“ *Diane Crockett lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borotrager*



Diane Crockett - December 17, 2022 at 04:21 PM

JO

“ *Joyce lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borotrager*



Joyce - December 17, 2022 at 12:09 PM

DE

“ *Daniel Engle lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borotrager*



Daniel Engle - December 17, 2022 at 09:25 AM

MP

“ *Sorry to hear of Joe's passing. A very gentle soul and a good man! All will miss you Joe, thanks for the memories at BN. .R.I.P. Joseph*

michael and Linda Peel - December 17, 2022 at 06:05 AM

TE

“ *Tim Chelsea Erhart lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borntreger*



Tim and Chelsea Erhart - December 17, 2022 at 01:51 AM

MM



Mandie Melton - January 05, 2023 at 06:15 PM

WH

“ *Wes JoJo Hagen lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borntreger*



Wes & JoJo Hagen - December 17, 2022 at 01:06 AM

DD

“ *Dan Donna Dobson lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borntreger*



Dan and Donna Dobson - December 16, 2022 at 08:46 PM

BJ

“ So sorry for everyone’s loss. Hold onto your great memories. They do help you through everything.



Bob and Dixie Justice - December 16, 2022 at 07:14 PM

VW

“ I loved going to work with Joe. He was the sweetest guy ever. I know he will be greatly missed by all.

Vanessa wanner - December 16, 2022 at 07:07 PM

ES

“ Ed Helen Schmitz lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borotrager



Ed and Helen Schmitz - December 16, 2022 at 05:49 PM

CE

“ CJ Erhardt lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Borotrager



CJ Erhardt - December 16, 2022 at 03:41 PM