



## Justus "Joe" Hagen

November 9, 1924 - January 7, 2024

On the peaceful Sunday morning of January 7, 2024, Justus M. Hagen, fondly known as Joe, passed away at the remarkable age of 99. Justus embraced the simplicity of life, finding joy in farming, tinkering with anything mechanical, and, above all, his beloved family and his hometown of Lindsay, Montana.

Justus was born on November 9, 1924, in their Lindsay, Montana farmhouse to Oscar and Ursula (Moody) Hagen. He had a sister named Desire, and later, their brother Ross was born. Unfortunately, Desire passed away from scarlet fever when Joe was young.

Over 70 years ago, Justus fell deeply in love with Betty Marshall, a city girl from Seattle, while he embodied the true essence of the country. Against all odds, he won her heart, persuading her to marry him on December 6, 1952, in Seattle, Washington, and they embarked on a new chapter in Lindsay, Montana. Justus's love for Betty knew no bounds, even on his final earthly night. As they both lay in separate hospital beds, he fought to stay by her side. Joe and Betty built a beautiful life together. Joe mastered the art of living true to his passion. He had wonderful friends and found joy working alongside his family on the farm. Although Joe dedicated much of his time to the farm, he always made time for Betty. They would have a date night almost every Friday evening, often dining out at the Trail Star. They also shared a love for bowling. Justus participated in two men's leagues, and Betty and Joe bowled together in a mixed league.

Betty and Joe were blessed with four children: Janet and Wes, and eleven

years later, Darren and Jodi. They found great joy in assisting with the upbringing of their grandchildren: Jessi Tompkins, Trevor Skartved, Paige Hood, and Cruz Hagen. Unfortunately, their grandson, Todd Hagen, passed away at birth, and their granddaughter, Justice Hagen, passed away at the age of 18. They also had the privilege of having five great-grandchildren. Joe was a member of three lodges: The Moose, The Elks, and the Masons. Justus lived a life that many aspire to, a life of pure joy. Working alongside his sons and grandchildren was a daily blessing. He understood the value of hard work but also knew how to step away and savor life beyond the farm. The magnitude of experiences that unfolded during his 99 years is difficult to comprehend. Undoubtedly, his Norwegian heritage, which Joe was immensely proud of, influenced his resilience and strength.

Another nickname for Joe was "two-tenths." Whenever someone asked him about the amount of rain the farm received, he would humorously reply with "two-tenths" and share a hearty laugh. His infectious laughter will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, Betty kindly requests donations to be made to their granddaughter Justice's Foundation, [www.lovelikejustice.com](http://www.lovelikejustice.com). The foundation supports ongoing projects in Glendive that bring joy to people's lives, including the completion of the lighting project on the Bell Street Bridge. It serves as a reminder for all to live life to the fullest, just as Joe and Justice did.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 17. 2:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana

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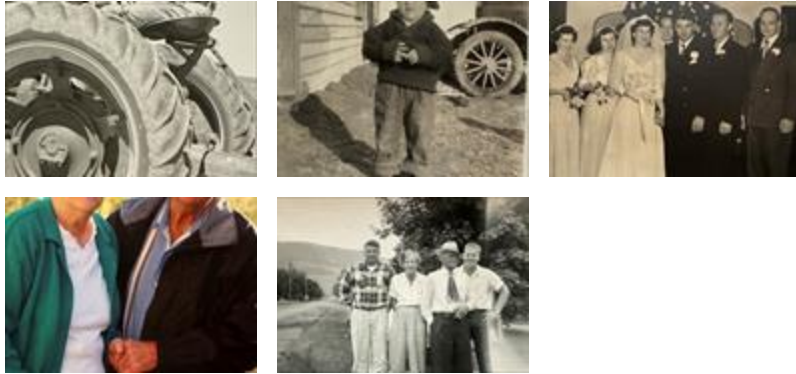
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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Silha Funeral Home - January 17, 2024 at 03:36 PM

JM

“ Jay Miller lit a candle in memory of Justus "Joe" Hagen



Jay Miller - January 16, 2024 at 11:03 AM

KA

“ Kymberley Allen lit a candle in memory of Justus "Joe" Hagen



Kymberley (Sell) Allen - January 14, 2024 at 03:40 AM

KA

“ My sympathy to Joe's family (Betty, Darren, Wes, Jodi, and Janet ...and their families.)  
It is a very hard thing to lose someone you love.  
He was a good man that put alot of life into his 99 years.  
Our sincere condolences.  
Sending prayers, love, and hugs.  
God Bless you all.  
Kymber (Sell) Allen and Rayne Allen

Kymberley (Sell) Allen - January 14, 2024 at 03:38 AM

JS

“ Bob and I knew Justus and his family for many years. Justsus was a hard worker. He was a good and friendly nieghbor. We are happy to have known him.

Jackie Schlicht - January 13, 2024 at 10:45 PM

LI

“ Sending prayers to the Hagen Family 🙏🙏🙏  
Gary and Lynn Ingraham



lynn ingraham - January 13, 2024 at 12:49 AM

JB

“ Sorry Hagen family for your deep loss. Joe was Al life long friend neighbor to the "Hill Family." Brother Walter was a buddy to Joe and Ross. Joe will be missed by many.  
Rest in Peace Joe ❤️  
Jerry and Donna Hill Buxbaum

Jerry and Donna Hill Buxbaum - January 11, 2024 at 10:51 PM

BN

“ *Barb Neves lit a candle in memory of Justus "Joe" Hagen*



Barb Lewis Neves - January 11, 2024 at 08:51 PM

DB

“ *My condolences to the family of Joe Hagen at this difficult time. Hugs to all.*



Denise Borotrager - January 11, 2024 at 08:02 PM



“ *My very deepest sympathy Betty to you and your family*



Rita Van Dusen - January 11, 2024 at 07:14 PM

MW

“ *Mark Sheryl Walsh lit a candle in memory of Justus "Joe" Hagen*



Mark and Sheryl Walsh - January 11, 2024 at 07:10 PM

BT

“ *Betty and Family!  
Joe "Justus" lived a full life and Very Proud of his  
Children,Granchildren,Great Grandchildren! Chersh you Memories !  
I'm sure Justus is getting caught up on what he's missed and  
Grandpa is telling her all she's missed  
Much Love coming your way!  
Becky (Chouinard)Tipton*

Becky Tipton - January 11, 2024 at 04:59 PM

DD

“ *So very sorry for your loss.*



Daryl & Betty Lou DeKaye - January 11, 2024 at 01:26 PM

RB

“ *Extended condolences to all the Hagen family. Sorry to hear of  
Joe's passing, he was a great guy and friend to many.RIP Joe 🙏*

Renee and Gary Bennett - January 11, 2024 at 09:01 AM

TD

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. My thoughts and  
prayers are with all of you.*



Tammy Dey - January 10, 2024 at 10:15 PM

CE

“ *CJ Erhardt lit a candle in memory of Justus "Joe" Hagen*



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**CJ Erhardt** - January 09, 2024 at 09:48 AM

MM

“ *Marla McCormick lit a candle in memory of Justus "Joe" Hagen*



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**Marla McCormick** - January 08, 2024 at 08:41 PM