



Kenneth "Ken" Buechler

September 4, 1936 - April 13, 2010

Kenneth "Ken" Dean Buechler, age 73, of Richey, Montana passed away in Great Falls, Montana on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. Visitation will be held from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 12, 2010 in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Richey. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday April 13, 2010 at the Richey High School Gym in Richey, Montana with Pastor Vicki Waddington officiating. Interment with military honors will follow in the Richey Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Chapel of Richey has been entrusted with the arrangements. Ken Buechler was born in Wolf Point, Montana on September 4, 1936, the son of Rudy and Ella (Schock) Buechler. In 1954, Ken graduated from Circle High School in Circle, Montana. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1959 and was honorably discharged in August of 1961. Ken lived most of his life on the family farm near Vida, Montana doing what he loved the most - farming and ranching. He was a mentor to many young men that he hired to work with him and his dad Rudy on the farm. Ken took on one of the biggest jobs of his life on December 31, 1972; he married Marilyn (Whiteman) Hansen with a ready made family of four girls - ages 11 through 16. It was quite an undertaking after bachelorhood to live with five females but he rolled up his sleeves and took the job as seriously as farming and ranching. He was a wonderful husband and dad! WE LOVE YOU DAD AND ALREADY MISS YOU BUNCHES!!! After the work was done, we spent our summers at Fort Peck Lake. Before the old and new cabins, many weekends were spent in tents at Sandy Beach on South Rock

Creek. Then our cabin was born - an old farm house gutted and remodeled by Ken, Marilyn and the girls. Dad loved the lake- the solitude-the camaraderie- the laughter-the fellowship. Ken was always willing to pull kids behind his boat. He had great patience with his girls, Waters' nephews and the Starkey kids in teaching them how to water ski and kneeboard along with the many kids that stayed with us. After the cabin burned down in July of 2006, another cabin was purchased; which is known as the "Lake House". We have already made many new memories and Dad was very proud of the new deck that was completed in 2008. Ken enjoyed making homemade sausage and ice cream with his family; and loved to travel with his wife Marilyn. Ken was a member of the first Jaycee Club in Richey, along with being a Senator of the Jaycees. Since 1976, he had been a board member of McCone Electric Co-op as a local and state director, until the time of his death. Ken had earned many awards during his years on the board but he was most proud of his recent MECA Cooperative Spirit Director Award. On the day that he died, Ken had attended a McCone Electric Board Meeting in Circle and then had traveled to Great Falls to attend a MECA meeting. One of Ken's most recent family gathering was at the Buechler Family Auction that was held on June 27, 2009. The auction was very hard on him but it was also a lot of fun visiting and reminiscing with the many friends, neighbors, & relatives that had come from everywhere to share the day. On Easter Sunday, Ken and the family were making plans for daughter Nancy's wedding this summer at the lake. Ken was looking forward to the wedding and getting to finally use his new "used" pontoon. We will break it in for you Dad; thank you! Ken was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law Wayne Foster and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Ken is survived by his wife Marilyn of Richey; sister Ruby Foster of Anchorage, AK; daughters and sons-in-law Carol Hansen of Billings, Debra (Larry) Gibson of Richey, Janet (Joe) Beery of Richey, and Nancy Hansen (fiancé Allen Rosaaen) of Circle; nieces Deirdre (Hal) Radcliffe of Anchorage, AK and Michelle Foster of Mesa, AZ; grandchildren Nolan Gibson of Roseville, CA, Amanda Gibson of Phoenix, AZ, Melissa Hansen of

Glendive, Jason (Heidi) Beery of Brockway, Justin (Robbie) Beery of Glendive, and Theresa (Mike) Curran of Butte; great-grandchildren Daejha and Jordan Gibson, Trace Fulton, Beau and Owen Beery, Kalynn Beery and Ryan Bradford; and many more relatives.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth "Ken" Buechler*

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