



## L.D. "Jackson" Hilstad

October 18, 1948 - July 31, 2015

Funeral services for L.D. "Jackson" Hilstad, 66 year old Buffalo man who passed away suddenly on the morning of Friday, July 31, 2015 at his home in Buffalo, Wyoming, will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 5, at the First Lutheran Church in Circle, Montana with Pastor Wade Brinkopf officiating. Interment will follow in the Riverview Cemetery in Circle. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive, Montana and Harness Funeral Home of Buffalo have been entrusted with the arrangements.

Loring Dale Hilstad was born on October 18, 1948 in Glasgow, Montana to Milo and Hertha Hilstad. He grew up and went to school in Circle, Montana and graduated from Circle High School with the class of 1966. After high school he attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota and later Minnesota State University, Mankato, obtaining his Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction. Jackson served many school districts throughout Wyoming and Montana in his 21 years of educational service as a teacher, principal, special education and curriculum director, assistant superintendent and superintendent. He touched many lives during his tenure, be it kids, teachers or parents. He made a difference.

He was married to Nancy S. Quin Krey on December 22, 1995 in Deadwood, South Dakota and they made their home in Saratoga, Wyoming until 1996, when they moved to Circle, Montana and operated the Hilstad Family Ranch. In 2011 he and Nancy sold the Ranch in Montana and moved to Buffalo, Wyoming where he retired and lived until his death.

Jackson was passionate as a school administrator and was an inspiration to many young students. He enjoyed riding horses and his Harley, spending time in the mountains, and driving his "bucket list" 1995 Mustang. He and his children cherished the many memories of riding in his old yellow pickup with their favorite cat, Thomas. Jackson was also an accomplished writer and recently finished and was in the process of having published his first book. He is survived by his wife, Nancy of Buffalo, Wyoming; one son, Cody Hilstad of Laramie, Wyoming; one daughter, Sage Hilstad of Rock Springs, Wyoming; one sister, Heather Moon of Circle, Montana; and one niece Jolie Wagner and her children Shannon and Jaimie also of Circle, Montana. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials in Mr. Hilstad's memory may be made to the First Lutheran Church in Circle % Milo and Hertha Hilstad Scholarship.

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

## Cemetery Details

### Riverview Cemetery

Circle, MT 59215

## Previous Events

### Service

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (MT)

First Lutheran Church  
1200 Avenue C  
Circle, MT 59215

# Tribute Wall



“ *L.D. "Jackson" Hilstad*

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December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Aunt Nancy,*

*I love you!*

*Jeannie*

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**Jean Linville** - August 05, 2015 at 03:01 PM



“ *Loring was a friend and classmate of mine through high school. We had many good times together in school, band and Luther League. He was willing to include a very shy classmate (me) in certain adventures. The last time I saw him was at the First Lutheran Church just before he moved to Wyoming. The last thing he said to me was "what is next for me is whatever the good Lord decides." That is how I will remember him.*

*DeWayne Scheer*

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**DeWayne Scheer** - August 04, 2015 at 05:44 PM

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“ I was sad to learn of Jackson's untimely death. I cherish our memories as classmates and fellow "Luther Leaguers." I recall many Luther League trips together and all the fun league was with Pastor Jim and Rachael Schoeld. My wife's parents (Charlotte & Vernon Harms) were very close friends with Jackson's folks (Milo & Hertha) so Sandy and Jackson shared many childhood days together. Our prayers & sympathy to Nancy and all the family.  
Larry Bruce

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**Larry E Bruce** - August 04, 2015 at 09:56 AM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Nancy Hilstad** - August 03, 2015 at 11:11 AM

DM

“ I knew Jackson, as "Loring". Our families were good friends and we spent many a Sunday afternoon after church enjoying Sunday dinner together. Loring was very musical and played in a trumpet trio with his cousin, Gordon and me. We also sang together in a barbershop quartet during high school. Loring was always lots of fun to be around and we had many good times during our quartet practices at the family farm with his mom on the piano. I considered him a friend even though we did not have much contact in later years

*Dave Melrose, the first trumpet and baritone.*

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**Dave Melrose** - August 03, 2015 at 08:28 AM