



L. Eugene "Gene" Pedersen

March 10, 1923 - August 10, 2016

Lawrence Eugene "Gene" Pedersen, age 93, of Glendive, Montana passed away on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive. A vigil service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A memorial mass with military honors will be at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Francis Schreiber officiating.

Gene was born on March 10, 1923 in Glendive, the son of Lawrence and Blanche (Gagne) Pedersen. At a young age, Gene moved with his family to Mandan, North Dakota where he graduated from high school. Gene's life had always been a busy one. He started riding saddle broncs during high school, but later found his niche in roping and bull dogging. He was drafted during WWII and the U.S. Army sent him to horse shoeing school in Kansas, followed by an assignment in the Philippines where he was wounded in combat and received two purple hearts and two bronze stars. While recuperating from the injuries that he sustained in the South Pacific, Gene obtained a degree in Ag Industry at Montana State College in 1949. While on campus, he founded the college's first rodeo in 1947 and tied for all-around cowboy at that rodeo. It was also during his time at college that he met Colleen Reynolds. They were later married on September 14, 1948 in Glendive, and to this union five children were born.

Gene won the North Dakota calf roping championship at Dickinson in 1952

while he was employed at Home on the Range. He won many calf-roping and steer-wrestling events throughout North Dakota and Montana during the 1950s. During the 1970s and 80s, Gene added team roping and cow cutting to his rodeo repertoire. He organized the horse show division of the Glendive Spring Exposition and taught "On-the-Farm Training" for Army veterans for two years.

Gene worked as a cattle and ranch inspector for Oppenheimer Industries for several years and was a private cattle buyer, all the while raising his own cattle and breeding Quarter horses. For twenty-three years he was an approved AQHA judge and for an even longer stretch of twenty-eight years, a NCHA judge. From 1949-1987, he participated in rodeos all over North Dakota and Montana. In 2005, Gene was honored at the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum in Amarillo, Texas during its "Celebrating 50 Years of Breeding American Quarter Horses" event.

Gene and his wife, Colleen, resided on their ranch near Glendive, Montana, where they raised their five children, until he moved to the Eastern Montana Veterans Home shortly before his passing. They enjoyed staying busy attending all the rodeos that featured their children and grandchildren as participants. Gene also enjoyed pheasant hunting with his Brittany spaniel dogs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Blanche; and one brother-in-law, David Ayre.

Gene is survived by his wife, Colleen Pedersen of Glendive; his children, Nancy (Sean) Gallogly of Billings, Montana, Terry (Nancy) Pedersen of Glendive, Dale (Susan) Pedersen of Vernonia, Oregon, Robert Pedersen of Glendive, and Mary (Tim) Burman of Glendive; eight grandchildren, Kevin Gallogly, Erin Gallogly, Sean Gallogly, Jr., Katie Nave, Mackenzie Gallogly, Breann Cullinan, Brett Burman, and Sheyanne Pedersen; fourteen great-grandchildren with one on the way; one sister, Betty Ayre of Glendive; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silha

funeralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Vigil Service

AUG 16. 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
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P.O. Box 848
Glendive, MT 59330
(406) 377-2622
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Memorial Mass

AUG 17. 10:00 AM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
316 West Benham Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *L. Eugene "Gene" Pedersen*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Mary, so sorry to hear about your dad. He was a true Glendive fixture! I am so sorry for you and your family's loss.*
Pamela Mitchell-Ramirez



Pamela Mitchell-Ramirez - August 17, 2016 at 04:25 PM



“ *With Glendive being home I think I have always know who Gene was. My husband & I got to know Gene and his passion for Brittney dogs a few years ago. We had Brittney puppies and Gene would drive down our alley several times a day "checking on the puppies" He always took time to stop and visit if we were out and loved to share memories of hunting with his Brittney. Oh, how he wanted a puppy!! We are so sorry for your loss, always remember the good times and may he rest in peace.*

Larry & Doris Roberts Zinger

Doris Zinger - August 17, 2016 at 11:06 AM

JB

“ We were sadden to hear the news about Gene. Just a few days ago we were talking about him rodeos and horses. Jack always talks about when he started to attend pro-rodeos and Gene was always there to give him advice.

Our family will never forget the great calf roping mare "Pixie" that we purchased from Gene. She carried our son J to many titles thru high school and college rodeos.

*Our thoughts are with your family. Jack and Andie Billingsley,
Glasgow, MT*

Jack Billingsley - August 16, 2016 at 11:18 PM

CZ

“ Nancy and family,
We were sorry to see your dad passed away. He was quite a horseman. What fun memories you must have. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Cindy and Duane Zimmerman

Cindy Zimmerman - August 16, 2016 at 11:40 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of L.
Eugene "Gene" Pedersen.



August 15, 2016 at 06:45 PM

PT

“ *Pacific University | Finance & Administration Team purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of L. Eugene "Gene" Pedersen.*



Pacific University | Finance & Administration Team - August 15, 2016 at 04:57 PM

KM

“ *What memories - this was a man who had 'been there - done that'. He leaves an exceptional legacy.*

Good speed, Gene. We will miss you.

Kathy Newton McLane - August 15, 2016 at 11:59 AM

LG

“ *So sad to hear of the passing of Gene. I remember him and his love for horses. May you find strength in this difficult time through family and friends. My condolences. Laura Grzanic - Belfield, ND*

Laura Grzanic - August 15, 2016 at 10:34 AM

BS

“ *To the entire Pedersen family - We are so sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Bob and Kristie Stanhope*

Bob and Kristie Stanhope - August 15, 2016 at 08:47 AM

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“ *Bob & Kristie Stanhope lit a candle in memory of L. Eugene "Gene" Pedersen*



Bob & Kristie Stanhope - August 15, 2016 at 08:44 AM

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“ *Thoughts and prayers to my Auntie Colleen, cousins and families. I'll miss Unc and his feisty spirit. So blessed to have visited uncle during this summer's Montana visit. Love to all from Arizona, Mary Lou (aka Mary Sue to Uncle Gene)*

Mary Lou Ayre (niece) - August 13, 2016 at 10:33 AM

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“ *Thoughts and prayers to my Auntie Colleen, cousins and families. I'll miss Unc and his feisty spirit. So blessed to have visited uncle during my summer visit. Hugs to all from Arizona, Mary Lou (aka Mary Sue to Uncle Gene)*

Mary Lou Ayre (niece) - August 13, 2016 at 08:55 AM

CO

“ I only met Gene and his wife once, but what I know of them, comes through their daughter Nancy. She is my best friend and confidant. I know her parents raised her to be a very loving, caring, hard working, strong, giving, sensitive and gentle person. Her strong faith is a part of them. You can tell Nancy loves her family very much as she talks of them. We are deeply sorry for the family of Gene, for their loss. I for one thou feel he is in a better place. In the arms of the Lord. To the Gallogly family, we love you all, our hearts and prayers are with you. Have a safe return. God bless.
Collette, John and family



Collette - August 12, 2016 at 10:28 AM

GE

“ Mary, Terry, Bert and family, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Thoughts and prayers your way, Grace and Shawna Koffler

Grace Koffler Evinrude - August 12, 2016 at 08:16 AM

TW

“ Nancy and the Pedersen family:

So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Gene lived a full life, doing what he loved! You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Teresa Woodworth-Madsen

Teresa Woodworth-Madsen - August 12, 2016 at 08:11 AM

JP

“ We are so sad to hear of Gene's passing. Such a nice guy. Gene always had a smile and his eyes lit up whenever he looked at his wife. He truly will be missed. Are prayers are with you. Joe ans Pam

Joe and Pam - August 12, 2016 at 02:05 AM