



Larry Melton

September 13, 1944 - October 6, 2021

Larry Melton, age 77, passed away on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at his home in Glendive, Montana. A Memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Assembly of God Church in Glendive with Pastor Kevin Peterson officiating. Interment with Military Honors will follow in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Larry was born on September 13, 1944, in Danville, Illinois, to his parents Willard and Alberta (Smith) Melton. He entered this world weighing less than three pounds and spent his first month of life in an incubator. He beat the odds for the time and eventually grew to be six foot two by the sixth grade. He was called "Little Larry" by all of his family as he was the smallest boy of his father and half brothers. He was raised and educated in Oakwood, Illinois. His father passed away when he was eleven. Between his Junior and Senior year in high school he moved to Montana with his mother. Larry graduated from Missoula County High School with the Class of 1963. Following high school, he served with the California National Guard in Ft. Ord, California for 18 months prior to joining the United States Coast Guard where he served for four years in Washington as a Sikorski mechanic and as a Search and Rescue team member before he received his honorable discharge in 1968. Larry united in marriage to Sherryl Buffington in April of 1967, and to this union, 2 children were born. This marriage later ended in divorce. Larry moved to Glendive in 1969 where he went to work for the Glendive

Police department for ten years, during this time he earned his associates degree in Police Science from Dawson Community College. Larry also designed, blue printed and built several homes in the Glendive area. In 1980, Larry went to work for Marathon Oil during the oil boom. After six years he found himself switching careers again. Larry opened his business, Melton Accounting Services. Larry also started working as a scale operator for the Montana Department of Transportation. Larry continued with the Department of Transportation until 2006 when he retired.

Larry was united in marriage to Kathleen (Sturgis) Deckert on August 4, 2006 at the Assembly of God Church in Glendive.

Larry kept busy with Melton Construction doing small jobs for people in the community, as well as continuing his work as an accountant. In his free time Larry enjoyed puzzles, Facebook, having coffee with friends, HO scale trains, and old cars. He would often go to Sidney, Montana to visit the store Ribbons & Rails as he loved their model railroad display. He was also an expert level Ham radio operator. Larry was a past Exalted Ruler and District Deputy of the Glendive Elks, and Boy Scout Leader.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents Willard and Alberta Melton, siblings Reverend Don Dale, Norma Sapp, Arnold Melton and nephew Randy Smith.

Larry is survived by his wife, Kathleen Melton of Glendive; his sons, William (Mandie) Melton and their children, Kiera, Karina and Korbyn all of Glendive, Loren Melton (Salina Martin) of Glendive. He is also survived by Kevin Deckert (Vanessa Monroe) of Billings, Montana, Kyle (Courtney) Deckert and their children Kasen and Colten all of Glendive and David Deckert and his son Raymond both of Billings; sister-in-law, Beatrice Dale of Arizona and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Cemetery Details

Dawson County Cemetery

Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard
Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 14. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Assembly of God Church
921 South Taylor Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Melton*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *I WELL REMEMBER LARRY WHEN MY SON WAS IN THE BOY SCOUTS...HE WOULD OFTEN TAKE THE TIME TO CHAT...LARRY WAS INDEED A WONDERFULLY GIFTED PERSON. AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM.*

JERRY DUNLOP - October 26, 2021 at 05:28 AM



“ *Loretta Hodous lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton*



Loretta Hodous - October 13, 2021 at 11:58 AM



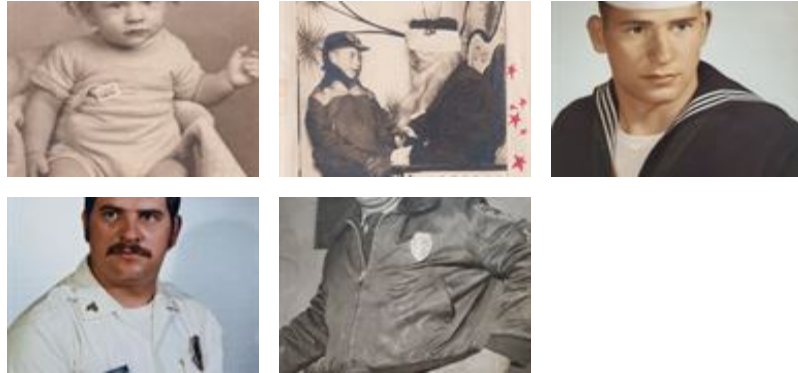
“ *Wes And JoJo Hagen lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton*



Wes and JoJo Hagen - October 12, 2021 at 10:32 PM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



Silha Funeral Home - October 12, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ Larry was a great friend, He Loved my BBQ, I would make special stuff for him and his wife, He will truly be missed, Prayers to the family as well.

Montie Page - October 12, 2021 at 02:13 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Larry Melton.



October 11, 2021 at 08:55 PM

BJ

“ *Bob And Dixie Justice lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton*



Bob and Dixie Justice - October 10, 2021 at 08:26 PM

GK

“ *Gerhard Kron lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton*



Gerhard Kron - October 10, 2021 at 04:16 PM

MB

“ *Mari Doug Brant lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton*



Mari Doug Brant - October 10, 2021 at 12:15 AM

NS

“ *Noren And Karen Shanley lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton*



Noren and Karen Shanley - October 09, 2021 at 06:04 AM

SS

“ *Sorry for your loss*



sue schwindt - October 09, 2021 at 01:57 AM

KS

“ *Kerry & Rosa Singer lit a candle in memory of
Larry Melton*



kerry & Rosa Singer - October 08, 2021 at 10:49 PM

BR

“ When I was a little girl, maybe about the 4th grade or family came to visit Uncle Larry and his family. My dad (his older brother) always thought Larry was the kindest "kiddo." I will never forget going into his garage and seeing a "wonderland " of trains, and everything that went along with that hobby. It was magnificent! Miniature towns, people, trees..everything! He then took me for a ride on his motorcycle. Of course being a kid, this was the funnest thing ever! I don't think there was anything he couldn't build!
He was light hearted, always kind, always thoughtful. He had a fantastic work ethic and loved with his whole being! My condolences to his immediate family, I know you've lost a wonderful patriarch and he is irreplaceable. To his friends also my condolences. He was a man of God and never ever was he hesitant to share his gratitude for Jesus. Love and peace to all who are hurting. Brenda Smith (niece)



Brenda - October 08, 2021 at 08:46 PM

DZ

“ Doris Zinger lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton



Doris Zinger - October 08, 2021 at 12:27 PM

KM

“ My grandpa was a good man and always made great desserts. I will NEVER forget the last thing he told me on the phone, “Hi sweetheart, I love you, please stay true to god so I can see you again.”

I will always remember those. I'm glad he isn't in pain anymore. I'm also glad I got to be a flower girl in his second wedding with my grandma Kathi. He brought a great woman into my life and she will always be a part of it now too.

Rip, grandpa. I love you!! I know you're watching over me and everyone else. I WILL see you again someday, just when the time is right!! ❤️❤️❤️

kiera melton - October 08, 2021 at 03:21 AM

DS

Beautiful sentiment.

Daryl Smith - October 08, 2021 at 05:44 PM

DB

“ Our condolences to the family and friends of Larry Melton. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Prayers to everyone.



Denise and Joe Borntreger - October 08, 2021 at 12:57 AM

DD

“ Daryl And Betty Lou Dekaye lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton



Daryl and Betty Lou Dekaye - October 07, 2021 at 11:13 PM

BK

“ *Bill Kickert lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton*



Bill Kickert - October 07, 2021 at 10:29 PM

LF

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



Linda Frank - October 07, 2021 at 10:20 PM

LO

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Kathi and families. 🙏🙏🙏🙏. Good night Larry, sleep well.*



Larry and Sandy Oium - October 07, 2021 at 09:16 PM

WH

“ *Wes And JoJo Hagen lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton*



Wes and JoJo Hagen - October 07, 2021 at 08:12 PM

KT

“ *Heart of gold and a soul to match.*

Kevin Thompson - October 07, 2021 at 07:50 PM

DS

“ *Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton*



Denise Stoddart - October 07, 2021 at 07:20 PM

NW

“ *I lost a dear childhood friend in Larry. We played many games of basketball against each other and I knew when I drove the lane Larry would be there to swat the ball away. I would kid him that we beat them every game but he could give it right back in a fun way.*

But no friend I have had was more encouraging to me than Larry. He was the best friend one could have and I know when I get to heaven I will find him at Jesus feet worshipping. RIP and know I miss you

Like the last words you said to me was 'I am in a win win situation' and now you have no more pain.

Noel Wright - October 07, 2021 at 03:26 PM

RA

“ Rolly/Barb Anvik lit a candle in memory of
Larry Melton



Rolly/Barb Anvik - October 07, 2021 at 01:14 PM

GP

“ Ginger-Kelly Pulse lit a candle in memory of
Larry Melton



Ginger-Kelly Pulse - October 07, 2021 at 01:07 PM

LP

“ LuAnn Price lit a candle in memory of Larry
Melton



LuAnn Price - October 07, 2021 at 12:43 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Haggerty lit a candle in memory of
Larry Melton



Cheryl Haggerty - October 07, 2021 at 12:37 PM

TD

“ *Kathy and family - I'm sorry for your loss of Larry. RIP Larry!*



Tammy Dey - October 07, 2021 at 11:58 AM

PA

“ *Paula lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton*



Paula - October 07, 2021 at 11:55 AM

BW

“ *Butch And Gerrie Warner lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton*



Butch and Gerrie Warner - October 07, 2021 at 11:51 AM

CJ

“ *Carole J.Diede lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton*



Carole J.Diede - October 07, 2021 at 11:02 AM

TA

“ Tony&Marge Aman lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton



Tony&Marge Aman - October 07, 2021 at 10:32 AM

JG

“ Janice Grigsby lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton



Janice Grigsby - October 07, 2021 at 08:42 AM



“ Diane Crockett lit a candle in memory of Larry Melton



Diane Crockett - October 06, 2021 at 08:00 PM

TO

For Larry's family and friends.

Larry was a good friend, mentor and supervisor. He always had my back in every situation we found ourselves in and the back of everyone else who worked with him.

He helped me out with many things , from saving my hide a couple times to providing me with my first black and white negative from which in made hundreds of prints teaching myself black and white darkroom work..

Go with God and sleep in peace my friend and brother in blue.

Terry and Glennis Osborn

Terry Osborn - October 08, 2021 at 08:47 PM