



Lavern "Pete" Reil

September 5, 1931 - December 25, 2020

Lavern V. Reil (Pete) was born on September 5, 1931 to William C. and Lydia (Buttke) Reil. Pete grew up on the family farm outside of Corona S.D. with his siblings Thelma, Reuben, Jim, Ike, Helen and Billy. Helen is the surviving sibling.

Pete attended rural grade school in Roberts County and then completed a 3-year program at the Ag High School (WCSA) of the University of Minnesota in Morris MN. This agriculture high school's mission was to educate youth on contemporary agriculture methods and provide core academic instruction. Students accepted were at least 14 and eighth grade graduates. This 3-year course of study ran from early October, after the fall harvest, until March before spring planting. Living on his own on campus, eating in the dining hall and roommates were new experiences for a young farm boy. Pete graduated from West Central School of Agriculture in March of 1948 at age 17.

At age 19, Pete was drafted into the Army. He was a Private E-1 in the Army and served in the Korean War and was a truck driver. Pete was awarded the Korean Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. He was the backup mail driver and enjoyed going to Seoul Korea to pick up the mail because he got an especially good lunch on those trips. Pete was released from 2 years active military service to Army Reserve to complete 8 years of service under the Universal Military Training and Service Act.

Pete worked as a farmer for most of his life and worked and retired from

Texaco Oil (formerly Getty Oil) as a driver later in his life.

Pete loved the Reil family farm and returned to spend his retirement years there. He and his children hosted the 100th Centurion Reil farm celebration in July of 2019.

Pete was a member of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

Pete is survived by his wife Cleo of Glendive.

From his previous marriage to Sharon Tillman, Dad is survived by his children Matt, Desiree (Matt) Ricketts, Johanna, Julie, Clint (Susie), Rebecca, and Tony (Staci). He was proud of his grandchildren Blake (Lindsey), Clint (Amy), Brady, William (Alix), Jessica, Jade, Sandy Jr. Abbi, Lele, Rori, and Nolan. Tucker, Gunner, Tymber, and one great grandson, Dax also survive Grandpa Pete.

Cleos two daughters Cara (Samantha, Luke, Lily, Josh) and Lori (Tessa, Shelby, Brooke) were part of Pete's life too.

Lavern passed away from pneumonia on Christmas Day in the Glendive hospital. Special thanks to the great nurses and Dr. Leal and staff for their kind care.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, Montana. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at the Silha Funeral Home with Reverend Greg Lucido officiating. Graveside services with Military Honors will follow at Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Silha Tribute Center.

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

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

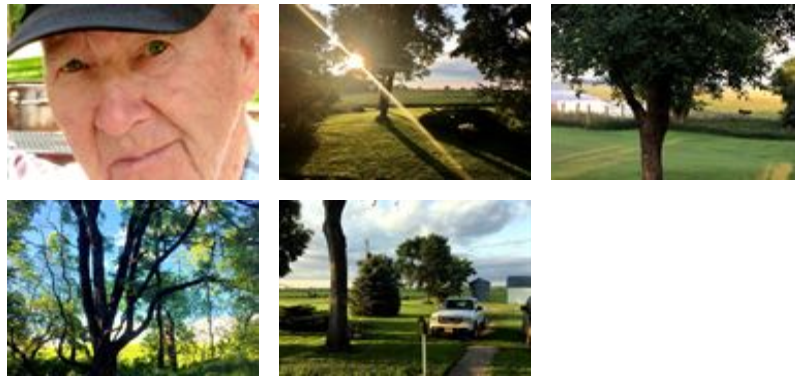


“ *Lavern "Pete" Reil*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *58 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Silha Funeral Home - December 30, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ *My sympathies to Pete's family. He will be missed.*



Kymberley & Terraynah Allem - December 30, 2020 at 05:37 AM

HC

“ Oh Pete! You really did make me "the last of the Mohicans!" You were not supposed to die first!
We will miss you.
Your last little sis,
Helen & Floyd

Helen Reil Constant - December 29, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lavern "Pete" Reil.



December 29, 2020 at 11:45 AM

DR

“ My very sincerest sympathy!

Dorothy Reil - December 29, 2020 at 09:08 AM

Virginia
May

“ I will miss seeing your smiling face. rest easy!
you will be missed.



Virginia May - December 29, 2020 at 01:49 AM

JK

“ Our sincerest sympathies and love to Pete's wife Cleo, his children, step children and grandchildren, the best of him continues on in each of you. May God bless and hold you in His loving care.
Jess & Kathleen

Jess & Kathleen - December 28, 2020 at 08:06 PM

BT

“ Cleo I'm so sorry for your loss!
Becky Tipton

Becky Tipton - December 28, 2020 at 06:55 PM