



Lawrence C. Stoner

October 22, 1948 - February 14, 2025

Lawrence “Larry” C. Stoner, 76, of Glendive, Montana, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, February 14, 2025, surrounded by the family he cherished. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at Our Savior Lutheran Church with Pastor Greg Lucido officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow at Dawson County Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Larry was born on October 22, 1948, in Glendive, Montana, to Lawrence Grover and Pauline Ann (Lohrer) Stoner. Raised with a strong sense of faith, family, and community, he attended Sacred Heart Catholic School before graduating with the Dawson County High School Class of 1967.

In April of 1970, Larry answered the call to serve his country, enlisting in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era. He was stationed in Germany in 1971, and it was during this time that he took the most important journey of his life—marriage. He returned home briefly in 1972 to wed the love of his life, Kathleen (Mitchell) Stoner, on Valentine’s Day, a date that perfectly reflected the depth of his devotion. Together, they returned to Germany, embracing adventure as newlyweds before settling into life back home in Montana.

Larry was a hardworking man who took pride in providing for his family. He

worked at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in maintenance and custodial roles, served in various oilfield jobs—including as a dispatcher for Halliburton, a role he especially loved—and spent 13 years in security at CCCS Watch East before retiring. Alongside these roles, he co-owned the South Side Tavern for over a decade, where he made countless lifelong friendships over a cold beer and a good story.

But Larry was far more than his work—he was a man who lived fully, finding joy in life’s simple yet profound pleasures. The great Montana outdoors was his sanctuary, where he spent countless hours hunting, fishing, and camping with family, passing on stories and traditions that will live on for generations. His love for travel led him to favorite spots like Branson, Missouri, and Medora, North Dakota, always seeking new memories to make with those he loved.

Larry had a sharp wit and a humor that could brighten even the darkest days. He had a way of delivering one-liners with perfect timing, making those around him laugh until their sides hurt. Whether he was teasing a grandkid, cracking a joke over a card game, or keeping everyone entertained with his signature dry humor, he had a gift for making people smile. His sarcasm was legendary, and if you were on the receiving end of one of his playful jabs, you knew it was a sign of affection.

Above all else, Larry was a family man. His proudest moments were not his accomplishments but those of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was their biggest fan—whether cheering them on from the sidelines, offering loud words of wisdom, or wrapping them in one of his legendary hugs. His love was steady, his presence comforting, and his ability to make everyone laugh was just another reason he was so deeply cherished.

A proud member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Larry carried the bonds

of service with him throughout his life. He was also a fierce competitor at the card table, delighting in games of pinochle, whist, and gin rummy at the Glendive Senior Center. If you ever thought you had a chance of beating him, he would let you believe it—right up until he played his winning hand with a grin and a twinkle in his eye. When he wasn't playing cards, you could find him lost in a Louis L'Amour novel, particularly the Sackett series, dreaming of the rugged frontier he admired so much.

Larry's legacy is one of love, laughter, and unwavering loyalty. He leaves behind a lifetime of memories—of belly laughs around a campfire, of perfectly timed jokes that left everyone in stitches, of warm embraces that could chase away any worry.

Larry Stoner was a man who lived with an open heart, a firm handshake, and a mischievous grin. Though he may be gone, his stories, his laughter, and his love will echo in the hearts of those who knew him forever. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Pauline; his siblings, LaBonna "Bonnie" Roney, Patricia "Patty" Hood, John "Barney" Stoner, and James "Joe" Stoner.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Kathleen "Kathy" Stoner of Glendive; his children, David (Jennifer) Stoner, Glendive, and Jami (Phillip) Fink, Lambert, MT, his grandchildren, Toni (Jordan) Abelseth, Dickinson, ND, Taylor (Tanner) Schipman, Crane, MT, Bentley and Bradley Fink, Lambert, MT; Jack, Julia, Olivia, and Sloane Toomey-Stoner, all of Glendive; his great-grandchildren, Alayna, Aubrey, and Atlas Abelseth, all of Dickinson, ND; and Remi and Rosin Schipman, both of Crane, MT; and his sister-in-law, Maxine Stoner of Sidney, MT.

The Stoner family would like to extend deep gratitude to the Glendive Hospice

staff for their kindness and skill through this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Glendive Senior Center, 604 Grant St, Glendive, MT 59330, or Glendive Hospice, 1221 East Ames, Glendive, MT 59330 are appreciated.

Larry's Funeral Service will be livestreamed through Zoom. Please follow the link and ID information below:

[https://app.zoom.us/wc/join](https://app.zoom.us/jc/join)

Meeting ID 897 2615 0080

Passcode 1234

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

Funeral Service

FEB 19. 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Savior Lutheran Church
322 North River Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Kathy and family, our hearts are heavy hearing of Larry's passing, although we are grateful we were blessed to see you both back last July. Larry has (because he still does) such a warm and loving way about him. That smile and warmth will be with us all, as we too, continue to workout our mortal probations. Isn't it just the most tender thing that he "graduated" into the eternities on February 14th? Such a very special day for Kathy and Larry! Sending my love, Kathy - and plan to see you when we are back in the Glendive area in a few weeks. Love you lots, you are in my every prayer.*

Terry and Jim



Terry Steffen - February 19, 2025 at 04:50 PM

JL

“ *Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Stoner*

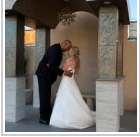


Janette Legato - February 19, 2025 at 03:18 PM

DD

“ *Oh my dear Kathy I'm so sorry to hear about Larry having passed away. I've loved you both so much. Would that I could be there to give you a hug 🤗 Love and sympathy to you and your family this day as you gather together in honor of him and his life.*

Debbie Dyer - February 19, 2025 at 08:30 AM



“ *Kathy and family,
So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts.*

Tracy Williams (formerly Lacquement)

Tracy Williams - February 18, 2025 at 08:58 PM

CC

“ *CCCS purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lawrence C. Stoner.*



CCCS - February 18, 2025 at 02:28 PM

DC

“ *Diane Jack Crockett lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Stoner*



Diane Jack Crockett - February 18, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ *Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Stoner*



Andeen Raymond - February 18, 2025 at 10:50 AM

DL

“ It’s been 32 years since we left Glendive but when I think of the time we spent there, you and Larry always come to mind. I can still see Larry’s warm smile! He was such a kind, good natured man. Kathy, I hold you and your family in my heart.



Donna Lueck - February 18, 2025 at 12:58 AM

LC

“ I am sorry Kathy and family! I have several memories of Larry, he made me some of the best Shirley temples at The south side when I was little and always had the biggest hugs for me whenever I would see him. Hugs to you all during this time.

Lynn Carpenter - February 17, 2025 at 11:55 PM

BS

“ Barbara Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Stoner



Barbara Schwartz - February 17, 2025 at 08:29 PM

AN

“ Heaven got s great guy! Our thoughts snd prsyers are with you!!
~Bill & Anne Sadorf

anne - February 17, 2025 at 07:32 PM

TK

“ *May his Light always Shine Bright!!*



Terry Knapp - February 17, 2025 at 02:19 PM

DL

“ *Kathy and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all!! He was a great guy!!!!*

Diane Lovaas - February 17, 2025 at 01:05 PM

EE

“ *Eileen Entzel lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Stoner*



Eileen Entzel - February 17, 2025 at 12:47 PM

CF

“ *Kathy & family sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts & prayers.*



Cindy Frank - February 17, 2025 at 11:30 AM

PS

“ Pat and Paula Kronmiller, Amanda, Trisha and Kamron, Jim and Laurie Slaska purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Lawrence C. Stoner.



Pat and Paula Kronmiller, Amanda, Trisha and Kamron, Jim and Laurie Slaska - February 17, 2025 at 11:17 AM

EK

“ Kathy, Larry was one of a kind and always had a positive attitude and made everyone feel special! I'm so thankful for the years we worked together at Watch East. Continued thoughts and prayers with you in the future.
Erin Kaufman

Erin Kaufman - February 17, 2025 at 12:52 AM

DS

“ Larry was such a great guy hugs and prayers for his family.



Dave and JoAnn Schipman - February 16, 2025 at 10:28 PM

DF

“ Dave, Peggy and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lawrence C. Stoner.



Dave, Peggy and Family - February 16, 2025 at 07:00 PM

JB

“ John & Kirstin Twedt and Carol & Betty purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Lawrence C. Stoner.



John & Kirstin Twedt and Carol & Betty - February 16, 2025 at 05:54 PM

JC

“ Heavenly flowers got a beautiful man to live among them

Judi Cramer - February 16, 2025 at 04:15 PM

CE

“ Larry really did have the best smile and hugs. He will be missed by so many. I am so very sorry for your loss. RIP, Larry.

Charlotte Egeness - February 16, 2025 at 03:40 PM

MK

“ Mary Kutzler lit a candle in memory of Lawrence C. Stoner



Mary Kutzler - February 16, 2025 at 02:16 PM

KS

“ Katherine Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Lawrence C. Stoner



Katherine Schmidt - February 16, 2025 at 01:25 PM

KS

“ Katherine Schmidt sent a virtual gift in memory of Lawrence C. Stoner



Katherine Schmidt - February 16, 2025 at 01:23 PM

SS

“ Kathy so sorry to hear of Larrys passing. Hugs to Alls



sue nentwig schwindt - February 16, 2025 at 01:21 PM

LW

“ I will miss Larry's visiting with me, He was a very nice Man. Larry Wilken

Larry Wilken - February 16, 2025 at 12:40 PM

GG

“ I am sad to hear about Larry's passing. I had the pleasure to spend time with Larry at EMVH. He cared deeply about the veteran and went out of his way to help when he could. He had a gentle soul. Larry will be missed by many.

Gary Gaub - February 16, 2025 at 12:20 PM

MR

“ *Kathy and Family,
Sending prayers and hugs to you in this very hard time. He was
always so pleasant and loved his card games at the center.*

Marlys Rathbun - February 16, 2025 at 11:36 AM

TV

“ *Todd and Bobbi Jo Verschoot purchased the Sim
ply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of
Lawrence C. Stoner.*



Todd and Bobbi Jo Verschoot - February 16, 2025 at 10:45 AM

TV

“ *Todd and Bobbi Jo Verschoot planted a Memorial Tree in
honor of Lawrence C. Stoner.*

Todd and Bobbi Jo Verschoot - February 16, 2025 at 10:45 AM

BH

“ *Kathy, David, Jami and Taylor..so sorry to hear
Larry's passing..*



Bill Honeymann - February 16, 2025 at 09:58 AM

GB

“ Kathy and family sorry to hear of Larry's passing. Prayers and hugs to you at this time. RIP Larry

Gary and Renee Bennett - February 16, 2025 at 09:01 AM

PT

“ dear Kathy and family Larry always had a hug and a smile for us. will miss him dearly, God be ith you. paul and yvonne torres

Paul R Torres - February 16, 2025 at 02:43 AM

DS

“ Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Lawrence C. Stoner



Denise Stoddart - February 16, 2025 at 12:35 AM

LJ

“ Love, Scott, Randi, & Hailee Joslin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence C. Stoner.



Love, Scott, Randi, & Hailee Joslin - February 15, 2025 at 10:35 PM

KW

“ It was a pleasure having Larry as my pinochle partner at the SR center !

Kent Wangsness - February 15, 2025 at 07:07 PM

DV

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Stoner family 🙏🏻✝️🙏🏻 I always enjoyed visiting with Larry!



Deb Pete Vogel - February 15, 2025 at 05:13 PM

RW

“ Roger And Gerrie Warner lit a candle in memory of Lawrence C. Stoner



Roger and Gerrie Warner - February 15, 2025 at 03:29 PM

RM

“ Ray and Laurie Mittelstaed lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Stoner



Ray and Laurie Mittelstaed - February 15, 2025 at 02:35 PM

JD

“ Jodi Bob Dobson sent a virtual gift in memory of Lawrence Stoner



Jodi Bob Dobson - February 15, 2025 at 02:25 PM

BT

“ Larrys family. I'm so sorry to hear that he's passed away! I always enjoyed running in to him at the grocery store! I've known you all for along time, RIP Larry!
Prayers for you all!
Becky (Chouinard) Tipton

Becky Tipton - February 15, 2025 at 01:35 PM

CH

“ Kathy: Sorry to see that Larry passed and went with the angels, free to breathe in peace. RIP Larry Remember the days that he was with you on earth and now can watch over you up above.
Carol Hanson

Carol Hanson - February 15, 2025 at 01:13 PM

CH

“ Carol Hanson sent a virtual gift in memory of
Lawrence Stoner



Carol Hanson - February 15, 2025 at 01:09 PM

E3

“ Everyone on Cyclone 38 purchased the Peaceful
White Lilies Basket for the family of Lawrence C.
Stoner.



Everyone on Cyclone 38 - February 15, 2025 at 12:51 PM

VV

“ VVA#234 lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Stoner



VVA#234 - February 15, 2025 at 12:39 PM

DE

“ Denise lit a candle in memory of Lawrence C. Stoner



Denise - February 15, 2025 at 12:28 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of your terrible loss! Larry was always so sweet and gave the best hugs ever! My love to you all.

Charlotte Egeness - February 15, 2025 at 12:01 PM

AG

“ Stoner family,

I am so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. You all have my deepest condolences and sympathy.



Arlene Gieser - February 15, 2025 at 11:48 AM

RB

“ Rick And Karen Berg lit a candle in memory of Lawrence C. Stoner



Rick and Karen Berg - February 15, 2025 at 10:02 AM

VV

“ VVA#234 lit a candle in memory of Lawrence C. Stoner



VVA#234 - February 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM



“ Michelle Lovaas lit a candle in memory of Lawrence C. Stoner



Michelle Lovaas - February 15, 2025 at 09:40 AM

WM

“ Walter McKeen lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Stoner



Walter McKeen - February 14, 2025 at 11:17 PM