



## Leif Bakken

May 1, 1944 - October 5, 2013

Wibaux, Montana: Leif Erick Bakken, age 69, of Wibaux, was called home to Heaven on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker, Montana, after a long and very courageous battle with cancer. His family will forever feel this loss but rejoice that he has found peace and is in the loving arms of His Savior. Visitation will be from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. on Friday, October 4, 2013 at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Wibaux. A Friends and Family Service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, October 4, 2013 at the Wibaux County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall in Wibaux. Funeral services will be at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at the Wibaux County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall in Wibaux with Reverend JT Burk officiating. Interment will be in the Wibaux Cemetery in Wibaux.

Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements. Leif was born on May 1, 1944 in Glendive, Montana to Erland and Hanna (Flatmo) Bakken. He was raised and educated in Wibaux and graduated with the class of 1962 from Wibaux County High School where he participated in football and basketball. He continued to follow the Longhorns throughout his lifetime. On July 6, 1963 Leif and Claudia Gray were united in marriage in Glendive. Leif and Claudia were fortunate to have enjoyed fifty years of marriage and they were a true commitment to each other. Leif farmed and ranched south of Wibaux on the Bakken Homestead. He loved the land that he grew up on and worked on for so many years. A part of him will always be present there on the ranch. The ranch was his life and a place filled with

memories of his childhood, raising his children, and happy times with his wife, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Leif served as Wibaux County Commissioner for fourteen years. Leif found pure joy in dancing, watching the sunset, hunting for fossils and arrowheads, and attending his grandchildren's activities. Leif loved his family and was happiest when all the kids were gathered together. Leif was preceded in death by his parents, Erland and Hanna; his siblings, Erling Bakken, Arnold Bakken, Sigmund Bakken, Gudrun Zinsli and Harold Bakken; mother-in-law, Muriel Job; father-in-law, Leonard Job; brothers-in-law, Raymond Weyer, Raymond Huseby, and Dennis Gray. Leif is survived by his beloved wife, Claudia of Wibaux; his children, Denise and John Nielsen of Glendive, Montana, Dana and Rob Kono of Plevna, Montana, Kristy and Jamie Ogolin of Miles City, Montana, DeJon and Jeri Lynn Bakken of Lemmon, South Dakota and Beth Bakken of Billings, Montana; grandchildren, Lacie and Bryan Bennett, Ashton Nielsen, Lance and Katlyn Kono, Levi and Regan Kono, Tori Ogolin, Alex Ogolin, Leif Ryan Bakken, Mirandi Bakken, Brittany Moreland, Renee Moreland, Royce Birdsbill Jr.; great-grandchildren, Keden and Kalista Sportsman, Layla Paul and Adelaide Sechler; one brother, Pete (Stella) Bakken; sisters and brother-in-laws, Verna Bakken, Irene Bakken Job, Sharon (Lanny) Peters, Darlene Huseby, Marilyn Weyer, Viviann Gray, Shirley Gundlach and Jim Huseby, and numerous nieces and nephews. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silvernale-silhafuneralhome.com).

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