LeRoy Henry Gibbs

May 13, 1924 - August 29, 2018

LeRoy (Lee) Henry Gibbs, age 94, passed away of natural causes on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at Morningstar Assisted Living in Billings, Montana.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Friday, September 7, 2018 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Reverend Avis Anderson officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Lee was born on May 13, 1924 in Miles City, Montana, the son of Roy & Nora Gibbs, the second eldest of six children. He was raised on the family ranch near Jordan, Montana. He attended primary school in Jordan and Miles City as well as the Gibbs Country School near the family ranch. He was graduated from Jordan High School in 1942. He ranched with his parents and brothers in Jordan for several years before purchasing a farm on the Buffalo Rapids Project near Glendive in the early fifties. Lee married R'Delle Jensen in 1954 and together they had five sons. In 1970 he and R'Delle purchased the Krug Ranch which was between Fallon and Glendive on the east side of the Yellowstone River. The ranch became Lee's passion for the next forty years. Lee had a creative side to him and innovated many new ways to perform ranch and farm work. He was most proud of the feed bunks he invented and eventually patented. He was one of the first cattlemen to use Limousin bulls in

this area and always had sought-after yearlings. Lee loved to irrigate and fix fence. Work was his livelihood and hobby and one would never find any grass growing under his feet. He instilled the appreciation of hard work in his boys and the value of being a man of his word.

Lee was hewn from the Old West and the cattleman and sheepman way of life. He was proud of his agriculture heritage and being a cowboy. He was a master storyteller and always had a yarn for every occasion. He even published his autobiography, Pirates to Post Holes. Lee would strike up a conversation with any person who was close by and would end up with a new acquaintance or friend in short order. In his later years he very much enjoyed his coffee groups in Green Valley, Arizona and at the Subway in Glendive.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, his son Jonathan Leigh Gibbs, his wife R'Delle Delores Gibbs, sister Betty Haughian, and brothers John and Gerald Gibbs.

He is survived by his sons: Mike (Carrie) of Glendive, Tim (Laurie) and Rod (Lesley) of Fallon, and Reg (Julie) of Billings; brothers Gene Gibbs of Pleasanton, CA and David Gibbs of Circle, MT. He also leaves behind twelve grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren as well as Margaret Zabrocki whom he married in 2009.

Memorials are suggested to: http://www.myasthenia.org, Gateway Museum, or Dawson County Fairgrounds.

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

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **7**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Visitation

SEP **7**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

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Funeral Service

SEP **8**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

LeRoy Henry Gibbs

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM

MB

So very sorry to hear of Lee's passing. I'll never forget growing up with you boys seem like we always got R'Delle woked up. Lee and R'Delle was some of my favorite people. Very nice. Think of them often. GOD REST

Marie Barthel - September 08, 2018 at 06:07 PM

MB

Marie Barthel lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Henry Gibbs

Marie Barthel - September 08, 2018 at 06:00 PM

MY

Our family sends you our most sincere condolences. We pray for all your family for healing and may the sharing and good memories bring comfort at this time. As city council for Billings, Montana, I have gotten to know Mr. Reg Gibbs. He is a very good-hearted, keen of mind and full of insights and inspiration. I am sure his father was the same. From Ward 1 of the Magic City, we wish Mr. LeRoy Henry Gibbs Happy Trails. With our best wishes, respectfully yours, Mike and Yukiko Yakawich

mike Yakawich - September 07, 2018 at 11:29 PM

KM

Keith & Marcia Mitchell lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Henry Gibbs

Keith & Marcia Mitchell - September 05, 2018 at 03:46 PM

Terri Winhofer LeSueur

Sorry to hear of your dad's passing.

Terri Winhofer LeSueur - September 05, 2018 at 12:57 PM

DS

Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Henry Gibbs

Denise Stoddart - September 04, 2018 at 11:41 PM

Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of LeRoy Henry Gibbs.

September 04, 2018 at 04:25 PM

MG

Marlene Gehnert lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Henry Gibbs

Marlene Gehnert - September 01, 2018 at 02:33 PM

TD

Gibbs Family ~ I'm so sorry for your loss of Lee. Cherish your memories as you will always have them. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God Bless!

Tammy Dey - August 30, 2018 at 11:52 PM

SC

I am so sorry for your lost of Mr. Lee. Prayers for you all.

Susan Crawford - September 07, 2018 at 11:37 PM

Heather Frank lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Henry Gibbs

Heather Frank - August 30, 2018 at 08:28 PM