



LeRoy John Rathbun

May 15, 1948 - April 24, 2024

LeRoy John Rathbun, age 75 of Glendive, Montana passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. Visitation will be held from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

LeRoy was born to James and Ruth (Snow) Rathbun in Beach ND on the 15th of May 1948. The first of 4 children. He graduated from Zap, ND class of 1966 and enlisted in the US Army, later that same year. In 1973 he received an Associate Degree in Agri-Business with a certificate in Livestock Technology in 1973 from Dawson Community College.

On June 6, 1970, LeRoy married Marlys Chouinard, the partner that he would share more that 53 years of marriage with. To that union three children were born, Mark, Jamie and Dustin.

While he worked several different jobs, most of his employed lifetime was with the telephone company. When he began working for US West (later purchased by Qwest) he started as a lineman, later moving into the position of

cable splicer, retiring in 2003.

LeRoy participated in many activities throughout his life, from Basketball, Rodeo, Softball, Bowling, Hunting, Fishing, Poker and Agates. His biggest passion though, was his dogs. A member of NSTRA (National Shoot to Retrieve Association) for several years, LeRoy loved bird hunting with his English Setters and anyone who knew LeRoy knew about the dogs.

In 1985 LeRoy and Marlys purchased the farm, and he tried his hand at several different ventures, from cows, to pigs, rabbits and fowl, but in the end it was the dogs that won out. There were many litters of Pleasantview Setters, sent to several states, many winning a variety of awards.

When LeRoy's health began to decline in the late nineties due to a genetic kidney disease, he began dialysis. His family will be forever grateful to his sister Patty who donated a kidney to him in May of 2000, extending his life for many, more years.

LeRoy was a great friend and neighbor. He was always willing to lend a hand or go out of his way to help anyone who needed it. He was a member of the Elks and the Moose. LeRoy always enjoyed a good card game, be it cribbage, pinochle or poker. He would visit with anyone and could almost always find common ground.

LeRoy is survived by his wife of 53 years Marlys. His children Mark (Mary) Rathbun, Jamie (Bobby) Iwen and Dustin Rathbun. Grandchildren Zebeck (Liv) Iwen, Zannelle Iwen, Zara Iwen, Mason Rathbun and Marisa Rathbun. His sister Patty (Ellery) Taylor, Sister-in-laws Gloria Rathbun, Mary Swanson and numerous other family members. He is preceded in death by his parents James Rathbun, Ruth (Rathbun) Frank and his brothers Larry and Kenneth.

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

Visitation

APR 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
221 N. Meade Avenue
P.O. Box 848
Glendive, MT 59330
(406) 377-2622
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<https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Zion Lutheran Church
401 Riverview Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall

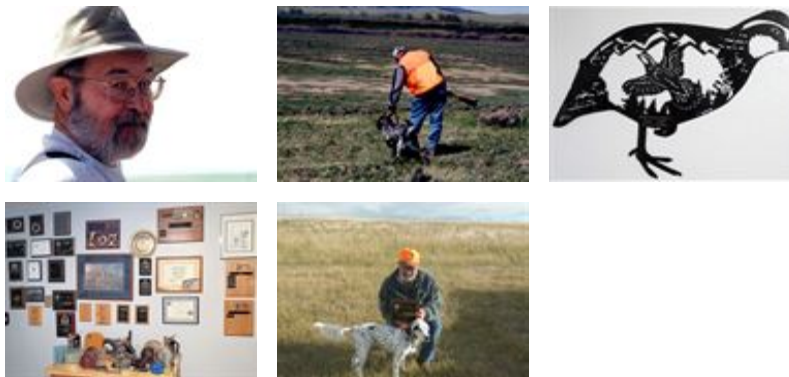


“ So sorry to hear this, Marlys 🥹 Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! Marlin and Laurel Hanson

Marlin & Laurel Simonson Hanson - April 30, 2024 at 10:49 PM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Silha Funeral Home - April 30, 2024 at 06:11 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of LeRoy John Rathbun.



April 30, 2024 at 04:54 PM

MM

“ *Marla McCormick lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Rathbun*



Marla McCormick - April 30, 2024 at 03:48 PM

JC

“ *Marlys, we are so sorry for your loss. We will always remember all the dog run stories and coming to see one live! Leroy will be missed. We are thinking of you and your family. Jim & Robin Cusimano*

Jim & Robin Cusimano - April 30, 2024 at 12:37 PM

KF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Rathbun family as they remember their Dad/Grandpa.*

Kaiser Borning family - April 30, 2024 at 11:40 AM

AS

“ *So sorry to hear about LeRoy's passing. I have fond memories from bowling. I'll pray for strength for all of you during this difficult time.*

Annie Utgaard Schafer - April 30, 2024 at 11:10 AM

KS

“ *Karen Schock lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Rathbun*



Karen Schock - April 30, 2024 at 11:07 AM

RC

“ *Marlys, Mark, Jamie, and Dustin. Bonnie and I send our condolences at your time of loss. There are many good memories of times past. But the times spent visiting with Leroy are the best.*



Roger Alan Chouinard - April 29, 2024 at 03:40 PM

RB

“ *Rick Karen Berg lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Rathbun*



Rick and Karen Berg - April 28, 2024 at 09:44 PM

SS

“ *He was a all around nice guy*



Sue Nentwig Schwindt - April 27, 2024 at 09:14 PM

JF

“ *Leroy will be missed he was always great to visit with*

Joe Fabian - April 27, 2024 at 03:22 PM

MK

“ Marlys - came across LeRoy's obituary - so sorry for your loss. My name is Marilyn (Kuch) Kaiser. I have fond memories of you and it made me feel good to know that you found a life partner. Again, sorry for your loss.

Marilyn Kaiser - April 27, 2024 at 10:03 AM

RF

“ Thinking of you and family Marlys...so sorry to hear about Leroy. We always enjoyed our visits over the years. Sending our love and care.

Ron & Judy Frasch - April 27, 2024 at 08:51 AM

JB

“ Jim Alice Bachmeier lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Rathbun



Jim & Alice Bachmeier - April 26, 2024 at 06:40 PM

TH

“ Timothy H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LeRoy John Rathbun.

Timothy H. - April 26, 2024 at 03:34 PM

TH

“ Timothy H. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of LeRoy John Rathbun.



Timothy H. - April 26, 2024 at 03:34 PM

LN

“ LJ, Amber, Emily and Tyler Nentwig purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of LeRoy John Rathbun.



LJ, Amber, Emily and Tyler Nentwig - April 26, 2024 at 03:24 PM

CT

“ Marlys- I am grateful that I met you and LeRoy in Montana at the NSTRA trial many years ago. It was a highlight to see you two in Montana each year. Leroy gave me many tips on cooking wild birds/game. I always enjoyed talking with LeRoy. Marlys - Please accept my deepest condolences.
Charlene Taylor

Charlene Taylor - April 26, 2024 at 03:15 PM

JS

“ Jim Donna Stanfill lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Rathbun



Jim and Donna Stanfill - April 26, 2024 at 02:02 PM

BS

“ *Bob Kristie Stanhope lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Rathbun*



Bob and Kristie Stanhope - April 26, 2024 at 12:24 PM

DZ

“ *You are all in our prayers. Love you guys
Larry & Doris Zinger*



DORIS ZINGER - April 26, 2024 at 11:45 AM

RB

“ *Marlys, my sincere sympathy to you & your children. May God's peace & hope be with you all.*

Rosemary Baldwin - April 26, 2024 at 11:33 AM

LI

“ *Sending hugs and prayers to all of you ❤️❤️
Lynn and Gary Ingraham*



Lynn Ingraham - April 26, 2024 at 12:06 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of LeRoy John Rathbun.*



April 25, 2024 at 10:57 PM



“ *Grace Evinrude lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Rathbun*



Grace Koffler Evinrude - April 25, 2024 at 10:07 PM



“ *Marlys, Mark, Jamie, Dustin and families heard of Leroy's passing. Prayers and condolences at this time. He was a friendly guy. ❤️*

Renee and Gary Bennett - April 25, 2024 at 07:20 PM



“ *Chris Gaub family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LeRoy John Rathbun.*

Chris Gaub family - April 25, 2024 at 05:43 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of LeRoy John Rathbun.



April 25, 2024 at 05:43 PM



“ *Lola F.* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of LeRoy John Rathbun.



Lola F. - April 25, 2024 at 05:18 PM



“ *Lola F.* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LeRoy John Rathbun.

Lola F. - April 25, 2024 at 05:18 PM



“ *Marlene Gehnert* lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Rathbun



Marlene Gehnert - April 25, 2024 at 04:40 PM



“ VVA#234 lit a candle in memory of LeRoy Rathbun



VVA#234 - April 25, 2024 at 01:22 PM