



## Leslie "Les" Dean Tipton

April 6, 1953 - January 2, 2023

Leslie "Les" Tipton, age 69 of Glendive, Montana passed away on Monday, January 2, 2023 at this home in Glendive. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM on Friday, January 13, 2023 at the First Congregational Church in Glendive with Pastors Steve and Kathy Holmes officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

On April 6, 1953, Leslie Dean Tipton arrived in this world to keep his parents, Ralph and Ona (Joceyln) Tipton on their toes. Les was one of those kids who over time became a jokester and prankster (who loved to mess with his wife, Gina's, head). The twinkle in his eye, he almost always held, told us we were in for a treat with his humor. Although he was most well-known for his laugh and being jovial, he was a fierce protector of his family and was always very loving and supportive to everyone.

Les' father was a truck driver, and that resulted in Les and his family moving around a lot growing up. There are multiple schools and towns the family lived in for short periods of time. Les graduated from Dawson County High School in 1972.

Les was not afraid to work hard. He worked at everything from gas stations, grocery stores, water truck-driving in the oilfield, freight companies and finally became owner and operator of Tipton Trucking. Les was proud of his reflected hard work.

His love for anything with a motor and wheels overrode everything. His red

1967 Plymouth GTX that he once owned was his pride and joy. Oh, the stories that are still told! Another love was motorcycles, especially his 1977 Harley Super Glide. His good friend Gary Schmidt may have said it best, "Les rode his Harley just like John Wayne rode his horse." He loved racing and always had a need for speed and loudness! He tried his hand at motor crossing, motorcycle drag racing and of course drag racing his 1964 Chevy Impala.

On July 11, 1977, he eloped with Virginia (Gina) Huffman in Rapid City, SD on his 77 Harley and married his "Country Girl." To this union, 2 daughters were born, Tana Danielle and Chandra Dawn. The couple enjoyed going to Sturgis Rally, attended 42 of the 45 years they were married. Every year, the girls visited his in-laws' farm and ranch.

Les was a wonderful husband, loving father, and excelled at being Papa. His grandchildren loved to steal every moment they possibly could, and always begged to hear one of his stories from his childhood. Les thoroughly enjoyed telling his stories with great enthusiasm.

Les fought a hard, courageous and brave battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) and Multiple System Atrophy (MSA). He gained his wings on January 2, 2023.

He will have a joyous reunion with his parents, Ralph and Ona; his in-laws Virgil and Bessie Huffman, and many other loved family members and friends lost too soon.

Les is survived by his wife, Gina; daughters Tana (TJ) Kiel and Chandra (Nathan) Mooer; grandchildren Sinae Kiel (Joey), Noah and Jocey Mooer; sisters Stacey (David) Buckman and Vonice (Brad) Brent; brother Gary (Paige) Tipton; brother-in-law Ted Huffman; Godson Logan Diebel and Goddaughter Missy Anderson; and numerous much-loved nieces and nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews; best friends Leland Goulet and Jerry Brinster.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Glendive LIFTT Program at: [www.lifft.org](http://www.lifft.org). Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family

at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN **13**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

First Congregational Church  
120 West Power Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall



“ 44 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Silha Funeral Home** - January 12, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leslie "Les" Dean Tipton.*



January 11, 2023 at 07:27 PM



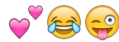
“ *My condolences to the family and friends of Leslie "Les" Tipton during this difficult time. Prayers to all.*



**Denise Borotrager** - January 11, 2023 at 05:28 AM

DL

“ My gratitude to Gina for the countless hours she took care of my friend. Their goal was to allow Les to pass at home. A fond memory (one of many) was out at the old airport during one of the drag races. Les was just letting a little steam off his 442 when a concerned citizen walked up and asked Les to cool it. As the man bent down to talk to Les... his necktie dangled within reach. Les promptly grabbed his necktie and rolled his window up on it. He slowly drove along with the protester in toe! When it appeared that the concern was abated and the guy was sufficiently sweating...Les rolled his window down and waved goodbye! Now I'm not sure who laughed the loudest. Les always had a quick response and a great sense of humor! I'll miss you my friend.



Dale Leivestad - January 10, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Leslie "Les" Dean Tipton.



January 07, 2023 at 11:42 AM

AS

“ Anita Spencer lit a candle in memory of Leslie "Les" Tipton



Anita Spencer - January 06, 2023 at 09:37 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leslie "Les" Dean Tipton.



January 06, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ GMC Hospice lit a candle in memory of Leslie "Les" Tipton



GMC Hospice - January 06, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to you and your family, Virginia. Les is at peace. Hugs to you.



Penny Zimmerman - January 06, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Ginny Bowles - January 06, 2023 at 12:01 AM

DB

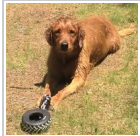
“ My condolences to the family of Leslie Dean Tipton at this difficult time. Prayers to all.

Denise Borotrager - January 05, 2023 at 06:24 PM

DH

“ Gina and family. I worked with Les at D&M. He always had a joke or a funny story. I can still hear his laugh. May he rest in peace and I am sending you all my sincerest condolences. Hugs. ❤️🙏❤️

Donna Hoffman - January 05, 2023 at 06:12 PM



“ Gina and family, Mark and I have you in our thoughts, our best memories of the 75th Sturgis was hanging with you both and enjoying life. Thoughts are with you.

Angela Babala - January 05, 2023 at 03:36 PM

GK

“ Virginia, I was so sorry to read about Les. My thoughts & prayers go out to you and the family.



Gwen Kurtz - January 05, 2023 at 12:51 PM

TD

“ Gina and family~ So sorry for your loss of Les. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Tammy Dey - January 04, 2023 at 11:13 PM

GE

“ Grace Evinrude lit a candle in memory of Leslie "Les" Tipton



Grace Koffler Evinrude - January 04, 2023 at 07:28 PM

ES

“ Ed Helen Schmitz lit a candle in memory of Leslie "Les" Tipton



Ed and Helen Schmitz - January 04, 2023 at 06:41 PM

TJ

“ Sorry to hear the passing of a buddy and a fellow Classmate of '72.. I met Les in 8th Grade at Washington Junior High, we were in the same Home room together. May your Sprit always shine Bright Les!!



Terry J.Knapp - January 04, 2023 at 06:33 PM

NT

“ Gina I am so sorry to hear of Les's passing. Hugs and prayers to you and the family.

Noreen Turnquist - January 04, 2023 at 06:22 PM

NT

“ Noreen Turnquist sent a virtual gift in memory of Leslie "Les" Tipton



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**Noreen Turnquist** - January 04, 2023 at 06:20 PM

DB

“ Gina and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss.



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**Dale & Alisa Boehning** - January 04, 2023 at 04:23 PM

AR

“ Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of Leslie "Les" Tipton



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**Andeen Raymond** - January 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM

GA

“ Gordon Almond lit a candle in memory of Leslie "Les" Tipton



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**Gordon Almond** - January 04, 2023 at 02:36 PM

MK

“ I am so very sorry for your loss.. you will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Melissa Kwasney - January 04, 2023 at 01:10 PM

SS

“ So sorry on alls loss



Sue Schwindt - January 04, 2023 at 12:14 PM

LO

“ Oh my goodness, we're so sorry to hear this about Les. Many good times we're had at Glen Bowl. Cherish your memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with your families.



Larry and Sandy Oium - January 04, 2023 at 10:25 AM

DV

“ Deb Pete Vogel lit a candle in memory of Leslie "Les" Tipton



Deb Pete Vogel - January 03, 2023 at 11:36 PM

JC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Sending Hugs and prayers your way.  
Please let us know if you need anything.

Jamie and Teresa Chamberlain - January 03, 2023 at 09:27 PM

MG

“ Marlene Gehmert lit a candle in memory of  
Leslie "Les" Tipton



Marlene Gehmert - January 03, 2023 at 09:26 PM

JC

“ Jamie Teresa Chamberlain lit a candle in  
memory of Leslie "Les" Tipton



Jamie and Teresa Chamberlain - January 03, 2023 at 09:22 PM

CE

“ CJ Erhardt lit a candle in memory of Leslie  
"Les" Tipton



CJ Erhardt - January 03, 2023 at 09:17 PM

SB

“ Sharon Bain lit a candle in memory of Leslie "Les" Tipton



Sharon Bain - January 03, 2023 at 08:12 PM

WM

“ Gina and family, Bill and I are so sorry for your loss, Les was always so friendly, such a nice guy.

Wendy Millspaugh - January 03, 2023 at 07:17 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Haggerty lit a candle in memory of Leslie "Les" Tipton



Cheryl Haggerty - January 03, 2023 at 05:47 PM

DA

“ Denise Alberts lit a candle in memory of Leslie "Les" Tipton



Denise Alberts - January 03, 2023 at 05:37 PM