



Lionel Dean Gilbertson

June 21, 1938 - January 12, 2022

Lionel Dean Gilbertson, age 83, formerly of Sentinel Butte, North Dakota passed away on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux, Montana. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, June 24, 2022 at the Sentinel Butte Hall with Pastor Arlen Lunberg officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Lionel Dean Gilbertson, son of Bennie Arnold and Bella (Neprud) Gilbertson was born in Halstad, MN on June 21, 1938. He was baptized, confirmed and attended school in Halstad, graduating in 1956. Lionel completed a technical course in Agriculture at Wahpeton State School of Science after high school. He became a dairy farmer, purchasing the family farm in Shelly, MN from his grandparents in 1963.

Lionel married the love of his life, Rae Ann Hegge on June 12, 1964. In June 1970, their daughter, Beth joined their family. The family also lived in Twin Valley and Saum, MN. Lionel worked for Midwest Breeders and for Erickson Sawmill at different points in his life.

In the fall of 1988, Lionel and Rae Ann moved to Sentinel Butte, ND. While in Sentinel Butte, Lionel worked in small job construction and repair. Like his father Bennie, Lionel had a great ability to build and repair things. He continued in this line of work until his retirement.

Lionel loved the community of Sentinel Butte. He volunteered in any way needed in the community (including multiple pancake and sausage benefits).

He was a volunteer firefighter for many years. He also LOVED the weekly community potluck “Fridays at the Station”.

Lionel developed a love and talent for woodworking. He could usually be found in his shop, building things large and small. Often these things were gifts for family and friends. From luggage racks to beds, he loved to share the things that he made. Some of his most precious gifts were handmade cradles. These cradles have held many precious babies, sometimes spanning two generations. He also made the urn boxes for his sister-in-law, brother-in-law (the Rodviks), his wife and himself.

Lionel was quick with a smile and laugh. He had a great ability to see the humor in any situation. Anyone who knew him will attest to the fact that he always had a twinkle in his eye and a good story to tell. His wallet was full of the pictures of his many “adopted” grandkids. His kindness made a positive and lasting impact on those who were lucky enough to know him. He lived his life in service to others as beloved husband and father, a wonderful friend and neighbor to so many. He is missed greatly by his daughter and his community. Lionel spent many years caring for his beloved wife. He handled her disability with good cheer and with love. He never wavered in his devotion to her. He often put his problem-solving abilities to work to figure out how to make life easier and more accessible for his wife. This culminated in the home that he LITERALLY built for them in Sentinel Butte. It was tailor-made for their needs. Anyone who visited them in this home could see the LOVE and the CARING that Lionel put into every corner of their home. Many thanks to all those in the community of Sentinel Butte for the assistance given to Lionel in building their home.

Lionel is survived by daughter, Beth (John) Hill; granddaughters, Teressa and Nicole Hill; sister-in-law, Janice Rodvik; nephews, Chris (Jill) Duklet, Karsten and John (Lucy) Rodvik; nieces, Martha (Steve) Clinehens, Miriam (Charlie) Billings, and Ann (Andy) Spurbeck.

Lionel was preceded in death by his parents, sister and brother-in-law, Iris and Dan Duklet, brother-in-law, Marvin Rodvik, and his wife, Rae Ann.

Heartfelt gratitude to the caregivers of Wibaux Nursing Home. You treated Lionel with dignity and kindness. It is much appreciated.

My father Lionel was a person who demonstrated his faith in the best possible way; the way that he lived every day of his life. Picturing Rae Ann and Lionel's loving reunion in heaven is a comfort to all those they have left behind.

Livestreaming of the service may be seen on the Lutheran Facebook page: First Lutheran Church@FirstLutheranBeach. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **24**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Sentinel Butte Community Center
Sentinel Butte, ND 58654

Tribute Wall

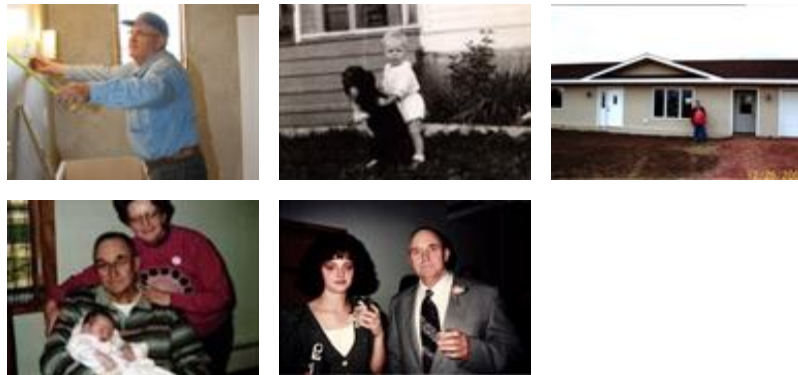


“ *Lionel Dean Gilbertson*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *128 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Silha Funeral Home - June 24, 2022 at 03:31 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lionel Dean Gilbertson.*



June 22, 2022 at 10:23 PM

ME

“ *Mark And Dawn Egan lit a candle in memory of Lionel Dean Gilbertson*



Mark and Dawn Egan - June 22, 2022 at 01:15 PM

KM

“ *Kent, Michelle, Paden, Ethan and Mason purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Lionel Dean Gilbertson.*



Kent, Michelle, Paden, Ethan and Mason - June 20, 2022 at 05:58 PM

MA

“ *Beth*
We are very sorry to hear the loss of your Dad I always remember when we were kids he always had a smile for us or a joke. I bet your mom is playing the piano and your dad is right beside her.
God bless
Dale Lavold and Marci Lavold Anderson

marci Anderson - June 20, 2022 at 11:58 AM

MD

“ *My sympathy to the family of Lionel Gilbertson. I didn't know him well but was a good friend of RaeAnn as we graduated high school together. May God give you comfort in the many memories. Mardis Doll*

Mardis Doll - June 17, 2022 at 12:54 PM

MM

“ Beth,
You dad was so kind to my family. The girls still have the swing that he made for their dolls. You mom and dad had so much fun with the kids and my kids have never forgotten them. Your mom and I shared the love of the piano. Prayers and hugs to you during this time.
Marilyn Moe

Marilyn Moe - June 17, 2022 at 09:42 AM

ML

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to all of the Family

Maurice Lardy - January 14, 2022 at 05:38 PM