



Lyle "Smitty" Smith

March 2, 1935 - July 8, 2015

Lyle "Smitty" Smith, age 80, of Glendive, Montana, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, July 13, 2015 at the United Methodist Church in Glendive with Pastor Ruth McKenzie officiating. Interment will be held in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Lyle was born on March 2, 1935 in rural Dawson County, the son of James O. and Sarah W. (Crawford) Smith. He was raised and educated in Sidney, Montana and graduated from Sidney High School with the class of 1953. Following high school, Lyle worked for Richland County; helping build the Intake Diversion Dam. He also worked for the Holly Sugar factory and area farmers until 1962 when he moved to Watford City, North Dakota to work as a mechanic for six months before moving to Glendive. Lyle started a career at HKT Big Sky Motors in 1963 as a mechanic and later moved up to service manager before retiring in 2001. In 2003, Lyle returned to HKT as the warranty administrator until his full-time retirement in 2005.

Lyle met and later married Ardelle Sawyer on June 9, 1955 in Sidney, and to this union five children were born. Lyle enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, playing guitar, bowling, dancing with his wife, tinkering around the house and fixing anything he could. Lyle loved spending time with his family. He was a member of the Elks and the Moose Lodge in Glendive and was also the secretary for the Badlands Federal Credit Union Board for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Sarah; two brothers, Cecil and Harry; one sister, Florence and one great-grandson, Gavin King. He is survived by his best friend and love of his life, wife, Ardelle Smith of Glendive; children, Patty Thompson of Glendive, Kathy (Dick) Walsh of Polson, Montana, Scott Smith of Belgrade, Montana, Janet (Pat) Weber of Shepherd, Montana and Alisa (Dale) Boehning of Glendive; grandchildren, Melissa (Mike) Guelff, Todd (Kim) Thompson, Tom Walsh, Megan Walsh, John Smith and Zane Smith; great-grandchildren, Tristan Alderman, Alex Guelff and Katie Guelff; brother-in-law, Bert (Barb) Sawyer of Glendive; sisters-in-law, Shirlee Smith of El Paso, Texas and Edna Smith of Opp, Alabama; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Memorial Service

JUL 13. 10:00 AM (MT)

United Methodist Church
206 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ Lyle "Smitty" Smith

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ Del, and all of Lyle's family,

Was so sorry to hear that Lyle has passed away. I know that you will miss him greatly. He was such a kind and gentle soul and always welcomed me when I would stop to visit you.

May your memories bring you smiles as you go through the times ahead without him.

With sympathy, love, and prayers, Charlotte "Simonsen" Guptill

Charlotte Guptill - July 17, 2015 at 10:41 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Smitty's passing. What fond memories I will cherish. While growing up with Dell and Smitty and my parents (Harvey and Charlene Haugen) and those HKT picnics.

Love to all Randi Jo Haugen-Pieper



Randi Jo Pieper - July 16, 2015 at 11:26 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Lyle's passing. Thoughts and prayers for you all !!

Darlene and Ed Songer - July 14, 2015 at 08:46 AM

LG

“ My Dad worked with Lyle for many years at HKT. So sorry for your loss. *Laura Grzanic - Belfield, ND*

Laura Grzanic - July 12, 2015 at 01:58 PM

MK

“ *Ardelle and family,
My deepest sympathy to you all. Lyle was such a nice guy and will be missed greatly.
I only knew him from Charlie's and my time in the bowling league, but he was fun to be around. You will all be in my prayers in the days ahead.*

myrna kintz - July 11, 2015 at 01:08 PM

LO

“ *Larry and I were saddened with Lyle's passing. We were good friends for many years, spending New Years Eves together, bowling, and visiting. Heaven got another Angel on July 8th. I know he'll be watching over all of you.*



Larry and Sandy Oium - July 11, 2015 at 12:19 PM

LO

“ Dell and family,

Larry and I were saddened with Lyle's passing. We've been friends for many years, had a lot of fun together, bowling, dinner's at the Elks, our fun New Year's Eve parties, just so many things we shared. One fun thing about Lyle we'll never forget; we could pass him on the old bridge going to work and he never saw us, looked straight ahead. We never could figure that out. I know he'll be missed dearly by all of you. Heaven gained another Angel and he'll be watching over all of you.

*Our Thoughts and Prayers to all of you.
Larry and Sandy Oium*

Larry and Sandy Oium - July 10, 2015 at 08:57 PM

MJ

“ So sorry to hear about Lyle's passing, always had the up most respect of him growing up and enjoyed the family visits at our house and visiting your house. Guitar playing was always fun!!

Marvin Johnson - July 10, 2015 at 05:45 PM

YH

“ Your friends at City Hall purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lyle "Smitty" Smith.



Your friends at City Hall - July 10, 2015 at 05:36 PM

RO

“ So sorry to hear about Lyle's passing. He was a kind and caring man and the Smith's and my family did a lot of things together while I was growing up. To Ardelle and the kids I just wanted to say I'm sorry that you lost a loving husband and father. He was a wonderful man that always teased and joked around with me at our BBQ's. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you!
God Bless,
Randy Oium

Randy Oium - July 10, 2015 at 12:54 PM

CA

“ So sorry to here of Lyle's passing. He was one of my most favorite patient's. Even when he wasn't feeling so good, he was always nice to me and it was a pleasure to be his nurse. Sincerely, Candy Austby

Candy Austby - July 09, 2015 at 05:43 PM

BT

“ Smith family, I sorry to hear of Lyle's passing. He was a nice man, I always remember bowling on Sunday nights. Cherish your memories and hold them close they will help you get through the difficult days ahead..
God Bless...
Becky (Chouinard) Tipton

Becky Tipton - July 09, 2015 at 05:42 PM