



Mark Taliaferro

July 8, 1935 - October 19, 2025

Mark Taliaferro, 90, of Hodges, MT, passed away on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at his home.

Mark Elwyn Taliaferro was born at home on the family farm near Effingham, Kansas, to Helen and Rollo Taliaferro on July 8, 1935. Mark was the youngest of six children and learned at a young age how to entertain himself by building things from whatever scraps were available. That youthful ingenuity and resourcefulness developed into invaluable skills he used throughout his life.

Mark met Sara Cox in Birney, Montana. They were married on November 3, 1956, in Birney, and their three children, Elizabeth “Libby”, Charles “Chuck” and Mary “Adele” were born over the next 13 years. Then the couple struck out on their own and bought a ranch in the Paradise Valley, near Livingston, Montana. In 1975, they moved their ranching operation to Dupuyer, Montana, seeking more open spaces with fewer people. Their final ranch move occurred in 2011 when they moved to Wibaux, Montana with Adele and her husband, Kip, and their daughters.

Throughout their life together, Mark and Sara were inseparable. They worked side-by-side every day, and even in retirement, continued to help on the ranch as long as health allowed. Mark’s ingenuity, creativity and skill wasn’t limited to ranch needs. Over the years, he created many beautiful and practical gifts

for family and friends. He and Sara also gave many pieces of old furniture new life by refinishing them. Mark passed his ability to create “something from nothing” on to all of his children.

Mark’s famous one-liner comments never failed to entertain. Even as COPD took away his ability to work in the woodshop in his last years, he never lost his sense of humor.

Mark passed away at home on the family ranch in Wibaux on October 19, 2025. He is survived by his wife Sara, son Chuck (Julie) Taliaferro, daughter Adele (Kip) Stenson, seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and son-in-law, Dan Sullivan. Beloved eldest daughter Libby Sullivan passed away just a few months before her dad.

A memorial will be held in the spring to celebrate his life and remember the love, talents and humor he shared so freely with his family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to any of the following: Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (a program Mark and Sara have supported for decades); Glendive Medical Center’s Hospice program (the caring staff made it possible for Mark to spend his last months at home - checks must be made out to GMC Foundation with HOSPICE FUND in the memo); Wibaux Nursing Home (where Mark spent time recuperating from serious illness twice); Dupuyer Community Club (an organization which continues to function at the heart of its community); or a charity of choice.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.SilhaFuneralHomes.com.

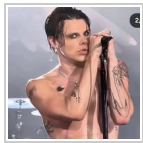
Tribute Wall



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