



## Matt R. Erhardt

September 29, 1933 - March 5, 2021

Matt R. Erhardt, age 87 of Billings, Montana and formerly of Glendive, Montana passed away on Friday, March 5, 2021 at his home in Billings. Visitation will be held from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 AM on Monday, March 15, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Francis Schreiber officiating. Rite of Committal with military honors will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Matt was born September 29, 1933 on the family farm near Almont, North Dakota, to his parents Florian and Celestina (Scheetz) Erhardt. He was raised and educated in the St. Joseph area until the eighth grade when his father made him work on the farm. Matt moved to Glendive and met his wife Joan Scherting. They were united in marriage on August 7, 1953 in Glendive. Shortly thereafter, Joan joined Matt in Georgia where he was stationed in Fort Benning. He served in the U.S. Army for two years until receiving his honorable discharge. Matt returned to Glendive and began his career at the Northern Pacific Railroad where he worked as a brakeman/conductor for over 25 years until retirement in 1979. He enjoyed working on, buying, and selling cars. He continued selling cars when they moved to Billings in 1988, where he lived until his passing. Being members of the Big Sky Polka Club, Matt and Joan traveled all over the

northwest for Polka Fest. Matt would run the camera for the Billings News for Polka Fest. They enjoyed traveling, especially their annual trip to Las Vegas. He loved gardening and took much pride in their yard. He loved to tinker with small appliances to get them working again.

He was a life member of the American Legion and the United Transportation Union, Glendive Moose Lodge, Billings St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive.

Matt was preceded in death by his parents, wife Joan, two sons Ken and Craig, his brother Al Erhardt, sisters Mary Carter, and Irene Ferrell.

He is survived by his two sons Curt Erhardt (Michelle Kutzler) of Glendive, Keith Erhardt of Albany, Oregon, his 2 sisters Betty Billman of Billings, Caroline Frappier of St. Helens, Oregon, daughter-in-law Kathy Erhardt of St. Louis, Missouri, sister-in-law Jacki Cowles of Helena, Montana, twelve grandkids, eight great grandkids, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Remembrances and condolences may 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

## Visitation

MAR 14. 3:00 PM - 6:00 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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## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
316 West Benham Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall



“ *Matt R. Erhardt*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Our condolences to the Matt Erhardt family and friends at this difficult time. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. We worked with him and his son Curt on the BNSF Railroad for years.*



**Denise & Joe Borotrager** - March 17, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you andy our families during this difficult time.*

*John and Debbie Fager Tweet*



**Debbie Tweet** - March 09, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ *Many thoughts and Prayer sent to you during this difficult time. He was such a kind man & always smiling..*

*Mike & Jacky Boje Saur*

**Mike & Jacky Boje Saur** - March 09, 2021 at 12:05 PM

JK

“ *Erhardt Family: Thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this most difficult time. Jack & Kathy*



Jack & Kathy - March 09, 2021 at 11:50 AM

MG

“ *Marlene Gehnert lit a candle in memory of Matt R. Erhardt*



Marlene Gehnert - March 09, 2021 at 10:46 AM

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“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family from the Knoll family*



Mashal & Gordy - March 09, 2021 at 09:45 AM

GE

“ *Grace Koffler Evinrude lit a candle in memory of Matt R. Erhardt*



Grace Koffler Evinrude - March 09, 2021 at 09:04 AM

CH

“ *Carol Hanson lit a candle in memory of Matt R. Erhardt*



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**Carol Hanson** - March 08, 2021 at 12:22 AM

BT

“ *Erhardt family  
I'm so Sorry for Your Loss!*



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**Becky (Chouinard) Tipton** - March 07, 2021 at 07:42 PM