



## Maurice Luke

May 3, 1942 - December 7, 2016

Maurice Luke, age 74, of Glendive, Montana, passed away on December 7, 2016 at the Glendive Medical Center. Visitation will be held from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 11, 2016, at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, December 12, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Glendive, with Reverend Jim Squires officiating.. Silha Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. Maurice C. Luke was born in Glendive Montana to John W. and Anita "Pat" Patzer Luke on May 3, 1942.

Maurice attended elementary school at the Washington school less than ½ block from his house. He graduated from DCHS in 1960 where he was an accomplished music student. He later graduated from Dickinson State College with a major in music.

His music teaching career took him to the Richardton–Taylor, Steele and Belfield North Dakota school systems. He then took a position in Cascade Montana where his band made annual trips to march in parades in California. Maurice left teaching and returned to Glendive when his father's health failed and his mom needed his help.

He then took a job driving truck for a pipeline company. He ran a prover truck and later focused on rebuilding pumps. He played a significant role when a pipeline broke under the Yellowstone river in getting the proper people and technology to the site.

Maurice was an active member of the Ham Radio club in Glendive and had

shortwave contacts from around the world.

In his early 20s Maurice served as a lifeguard at the swimming pools in Glendive and Wibaux. He was instrumental in organizing the Glendive swim team that has been active for over 50 years.

Not one to share much information, Maurice was once asked whose nice car was parked out in front of his house. He quickly responded, that belongs to Betty Lou. Thus, the story of the phantom girlfriend was born. Maurice had purchased the car from Jim Thielman as part of his mom's estate.

Maurice is survived by a cousin Helen Nees in Stevensville Montana. His older sister died as an infant. His dad John lived into his late 70s and his mom passed away at 93.

Memorials remembering him are suggested to the Greater Glendive Foundation, Box 1122, Glendive MT 59330.

Among the many who called Maurice their friend are: Scott and Ann Mills, Ann Huebert, Ty and Vicky Edelman, Tim O'Donnell and Jim Squires.

Remembrances and Condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Dawson County Cemetery

Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard  
Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home  
221 North Meade Avenue  
Glendive, MT 59330

## Service

DEC 12. 10:00 AM (MT)

First Baptist Church  
201 Cooke Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall



“ Maurice Luke

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ Maurice and I were in the band together in Glendive from 1958 to 1960 He was a tremendous trumpet player, and I learned much from him. In our state competition, he always earned the highest scores.

*He and I also played around with his old cars, sometimes outrunning the local police by turning into an alley and turning off the rear lights. He had rigged up a switch to cut the lights, so it was dark when someone else drove by.*

*He, Dave Hamilton, Bob Twedt and I would hang around together. Dave and Bob were terrific trumpet players as well.*

*Maurice was funny, sometimes a curmudgeon, but always friendly and full of fun. I wish his family peace and happiness.*

Ron Buechler - July 31, 2017 at 07:49 PM

PI

“ Maurice was my first complaint when I was PR director for the hospital as he was concerned about his mom's care. We got to be good friends through the years and he donated pictures to GMC that still are in the halls. Last year he said, "The swim team is going to turn 50 years old this year. What are you going to do about it." Me? I'm a transplant from Circle, but we got together and I tried to assemble the great detailed stories he told into some kind of order. He ended up writing it himself with edits by Jim Squires and me. He started that swim team and they had great success for a fledgling beginning club. Just like his band teaching days as other mentioned, he had high standards and students rose to the challenge. I called him a curmudgeon, but found out he was very generous with helping causes overseas. He was so generous with his time playing cards at Grandview. They will truly miss him as he was part of the family there. I didn't realize the depth of his generosity so i apologize for calling him a curmudgeon. He was an intelligent man fun to visit with and I will truly miss him. Yes, he had a twinkle in his eyes. God bless him.

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**Peggy Iba** - December 15, 2016 at 11:19 AM

AH

“ CC'S won't be the same without you Morris. We will all miss you with all of our Hearts. You always had a smile on your face and stories and jokes to tell us and you Brightened all of our days up just by coming in..I'm sure glad I met you R I P Morris..



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**Annette Halverson** - December 12, 2016 at 10:00 PM

DH

“ We will be missing Maury, a fellow ham radio operator and personal friend to both me and my mom (and the rest of our family). Many memories of his wit and wisdom, along with laughs and shared musical judgement. We will be seeing him again. Still, our hearts are heavy. Dennis & Ruth

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**Dennis & Ruth Howard** - December 12, 2016 at 05:32 PM

TA

“ Tony And Marge Aman lit a candle in memory of Maurice Luke



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**Tony and Marge Aman** - December 12, 2016 at 01:44 PM

PL

“ Grew up with Maurice, attended grade and high school together, played in the band together. What a trumpet player! At Washington school another boy along with Maurice and myself were well known as Peter, Paul and Luke, something to do with some antics that we created in fun. Had an opportunity to visit with Maurice again at our 50th high school reunion, a great guy, We all will miss him. God Bless You Maurice.

*Paul Laisy*

*Polson, Mt.*

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**Paul Laisy** - December 12, 2016 at 11:25 AM

RS

“*“Uncle” Maurice, as my brothers and I called him, was always a great guy to have around. I remember how he would bring us kids a box of Crackerjack. He was always in the audience of the DCHS auditorium when I would perform in a band or choir concert. He was an interesting guy to talk to and loved Jesus. You will be missed, Maurice.!*

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**Ryan Schwartz** - December 11, 2016 at 09:10 PM

HN

“*Maurice, I miss you. I am sure God needed your voice and your musical talent in Heaven. I will miss our 2-hour-long phone calls and discussions about just about everything. You will always be in my heart. God Bless you, Maurice. Your cousin, Helen Nees*

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**Helen Nees** - December 11, 2016 at 06:07 PM

SM

“*Samuel Moore lit a candle in memory of Maurice Luke*



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**Samuel Moore** - December 11, 2016 at 10:43 AM

SW

“ I was amazed at the "All 60's" Reunion- One of the people in my past was Maurice Luke.  
I knew I should know him from somewhere. We ended up talking about the swim team. He was my coach.!! He had a great sense of humor and after the reunion he took the time to send me some info on the old swim team and some newspaper clippings. He will be missed.. He was a wonderful person. Thoughts and prayers follow you Maurice. RIP.

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**Sharon Wetsch** - December 11, 2016 at 07:44 AM

GH

“ Galen And Lynn Ann Haslid sent a virtual gift in memory of Maurice Luke



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**Galen and Lynn Ann Haslid** - December 10, 2016 at 10:18 PM

GH

Will miss you smiling face at the hospital. You always had a great story to share.

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**Galen and Lynn Ann Haslid** - December 10, 2016 at 10:20 PM

MA

“ Maurice was a dear friend to me. He always had a trick up his sleeve. The twinkle in his eye and the trouble he could cause by just saying one word or ask a question, when he already knew the answer. I will miss his quick wit and sincere concern only Maurice could offer. I'm sure his dear mother, dad and Maurice are celebrating his homecoming in Heaven.

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**marylee ames** - December 10, 2016 at 06:20 PM

JB

“ We were saddened to hear of Maurice's passing. You were one of a kind to all who had the privilege of knowing you. Throughout the years you never changed. You appeared tough on the outside but we all knew better! Seeing and hearing you with your mother allowed us to see your gentle heart. Whenever we visited you asked about everyone, especially being so thoughtful of our folks and encouraging them by your visits to the hospital or VA. It's wonderful to think of you in your Heavenly Home, Maurice! God speed till we meet again!

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**Jan and Vern Brost** - December 10, 2016 at 04:40 PM

HC

“ My dear Maurice was adamant about Donald Trump winning the election and his heart had problems right after the election. I teased him he just got too excited and the stress of the campaign made him sick. He even admitted to going to Glendive Republican Headquarters election night. Well, Maurice, you left us too soon to watch what President Elect Donald Trump will do in office. I hope you were right.

Maurice was interested in many things. He was quite interested in my work finding our ancestors' birth places in Russia where many Germans lived until forced out when Russia wanted the Germans to serve in the Russian Army. He was also interested in geology and we shared information about Yellowstone Park and earthquakes. He always threatened to send me rattles from the rattlesnakes he killed around his office. I hate rattlesnakes, having grown up in Rosebud County, and warned him NOT to send me any rattles.

Maurice also liked to tell me about the pretty women, with long hair, he had met in the hospitals, cafes, grocery stores, and church. I do not remember him telling me about his men friends, except to say they sometimes took him to Billings to see a cardiologist there.

Maurice, I already miss you. Helen Nees

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Helen L. Nees, cousin - December 10, 2016 at 01:21 PM

BT

“ Sorry to hear about Maurice passing, I just saw him last Sat. At Kmart, I didn't get to visit with him as I was in a hurry, makes me sad to know I'll never be able to talk to him again, I just say a HI to him now cause he's watching all of us in Glendive....  
Rest In Peace!!  
Becky(Chouinard)Tipton



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**Becky Tipton** - December 10, 2016 at 08:36 AM

ET

“ Ed And Noreen Turnquist lit a candle in memory of Maurice Luke



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**Ed and Noreen Turnquist** - December 10, 2016 at 07:40 AM

ET

Maurice was a presence in Glendive and will be missed by many. We would stand and visit every time we met. He would come to the hospital on Christmas eve and get messages to send to others on his ham radio. He was quite knowledgeable on many subjects and if he didn't know the answer he knew who to send you to. Prayers to his family. Ed and Noreen

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**Ed and Noreen Turnquist** - December 10, 2016 at 07:48 AM

DP

“ Darla & Warren Pierce lit a candle in memory of Maurice Luke



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**Darla & Warren Pierce** - December 09, 2016 at 06:44 PM

DM

“ *Mr. Luke was my high school choir and music instructor at Richardton many years ago. He was a strict teacher who really wanted all his kids to do well and did everything he could to prepare them for concerts and festivals. Mr. Luke set high standards for his students and his students usually met those goals. He had a tough acting exterior but a very soft, full heart. I will never forget the teasing way he had about him and how his eyes literally twinkled when his students did well. We have lost a good man who took helping others in need very seriously and will be missed.*

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**Deb Milne** - December 09, 2016 at 07:10 AM

JS

“ *Maurice was a very good friend for many, many years. I remember his wit, and love of playing pranks. The one I remember involved both him and his mom. Maurice used to come to Sidney to visit us, and one evening we were at the swimming pool, and of course Maurice thought we should be on the deck to see our kids. Well, in the course of things, I pushed Maurice into the pool with all his clothes on. I lent him a pair of coveralls I wore on our annual fishing trips to Canada. He took them to Glendive and washed them, and of course, returned them. It was 2 summers after that, that I had an occasion to want to use those bibs, and when I took them out of our suitcase, some peppermint candy happened to fall out of the pockets. Of course it had been Maurice. When I went to put the bibs on, to my surprise, both legs were sewn together. The next time I saw Maurice, I exclaimed, "Maurice you rat!" He immediately broke our into one of his sly grins of major accomplishment and said "I have patiently waited 2 years to hear that from you!!"*

*So many other stories but so little time.*

*Thank you Maurice for a wonderful friendship"*

*Jim and Becky Schwartz*

*Thanks "Uncle Maurice" TJ, Justin, and Ryan Schwartz*

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**Jim Schwartz** - December 08, 2016 at 09:33 PM

PM

“ Oh Maurice you will be missed in this community! Pat and I will miss your knowledge and your company at the hospital cafeteria. It was always a joy to visit with you. Love and prayers to the family. Pat and Brenda Mischel

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**Pat and Brenda Mischel** - December 08, 2016 at 07:51 PM

NK

“ I can remember all the times he went down to the pipeline and how he made sure everyone missed the potholes on the road. I will miss his antics!

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**Nancy Korb** - December 08, 2016 at 07:04 PM

MH

“ I send prayers to the Luke family and friends. He was a unique man with special qualities. Mona Humphrey

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**Mona Humphrey** - December 08, 2016 at 02:57 PM

SK

“ We will miss his jokes and pranks at ham fests we attended. Stanley & Betty Kittelson, Dickinson, ND

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**stanley & Betty Kittelson** - December 08, 2016 at 12:00 PM

MS

“ I never had the chance to meet Maurice formally, but he would always say hello and visit. I remember him taking his mom to McDonald's and she would be eating an ice cream cone and have a drink. She would always blow her straw paper off the straw! You could tell he loved and cared for her. I will miss seeing Maurice around Glendive. A wonderful, unique individual! RIP Mary Scarpholt

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**Mary Scarpholt** - December 08, 2016 at 11:28 AM

RB

“ Maurice was a unique person! One of a kind! He often reminded me that I should have played in the band like my sisters! I am sure God has a spot for you in Heaven's Band! RIP!

Rosemary Bunting - December 08, 2016 at 09:44 AM

RW

“ Richard & Wendy lit a candle in memory of Maurice Luke



Richard & Wendy - December 08, 2016 at 09:09 AM

DI

“ Rest In Peace Maurice you were certainly a very sweet man and will be missed dearly 😔

Dianna - December 07, 2016 at 09:49 PM



“ Heather Deckert lit a candle in memory of Maurice Luke



Heather Deckert - December 07, 2016 at 08:52 PM

JP

“ *Jenny Pierce lit a candle in memory of Maurice Luke*



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**Jenny Pierce** - December 07, 2016 at 06:57 PM

DS

“ *Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Maurice Luke*



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**Denise Stoddart** - December 07, 2016 at 06:34 PM

RA

“ *Maurice was one of a kind. He never failed to say hi when seeing him over the years. He was well liked among all who knew him. The family home being in the proximity of where I grew up, allowed me to have known him most of my life. RIP Maurice.*

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**Rolly Barb Anvik** - December 07, 2016 at 04:51 PM

FL

“ *Rest In Peace Maurice. It was always interesting to talk to you & we are glad to have known you.*



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**Frank and Janette Legato** - December 07, 2016 at 04:44 PM

SJ

“ Maurice may you rest in peace, I prayed for you and others who knew you that they would find comfort in knowing that you were strong in your faith with our Dear Lord in heaven and that he would take good care of you, thank you for being kind and caring to me and for letting me get away with harassing you whenever you harped on most of the sweet little waitresses in Glendive, especially the day at Pizza Hut when you had them make a pizza for the buffet with pineapple on it just for you. See you again someday, take care til then, your friend Sherry Johnson!!!

sherry Johnson - December 07, 2016 at 04:02 PM

RJ

“ I have worked with Maurice for more than 35 years as a coworker and the last year as his boss. And what a transition that was. The memories are endless! He was a very unique individual and I will dearly miss him! Rob.

Rob Johnson - December 07, 2016 at 03:03 PM

JD

“ John & Terra Doll lit a candle in memory of Maurice Luke



John & Terra Doll - December 07, 2016 at 02:37 PM

JD

Sadden to learn of Maurice's passing. Knowing Maurice for so many years is a priviledge for us. A true friend who always took time for a nice chat, share his knowledge and always had interest in learning something new. Will miss our conversations. Thoroughly enjoyed working with Maurice during the pipeline spill. Rest in peace, Maurice. Soar high on Eagle's wings!

John and Terra Doll - December 07, 2016 at 02:54 PM

DC

*I too am saddened to learn of Maurice's passing. I remember him from my very young age, at the swimming pool, where he instructed me on diving into the pool. "Point your hands and feet." Always enjoyed talking with him when we met on the streets. RIP my dear friend. You will be missed..*

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**Diane Crockett** - December 07, 2016 at 09:20 PM

EC

*I remember Maurice as one of boy in our neighborhood ,we all play to gather. Maurice told my sister and I how he along with my brother always did thing for us girls and that we never kept our promise to then to give then something back. We have a great time with the kids in the neighborhood which Maurice play a big part.*

*Ellen Holm Cornwell*

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**Ellen Holm Cornwell** - December 08, 2016 at 02:21 PM

LM

“ *I first met Maurice in 1979-84 when he was at Getty Oil tank farm (now Bridger) and I hauled crude oil. Later we would share interest in Amateur Radio. We then would talk at Dawson County Cemetery (of all places) as he checked on his Mom's grave and I visited my companions. More recently we both were dealing with similar medical issues and rehab. For over a year now; we would share in song and worship time at Grandview on Sunday evenings. Our Condolences!*

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**Larry Melton** - December 07, 2016 at 01:18 PM

DH

*I knew Maurice as a kid on Meade Avenue, and I would occasionally see him on my visits to Glendive. He was a nice man. Dennis L. Hayford*

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**Dennis L. Hayford** - December 13, 2016 at 04:20 PM