



## Michael Gardner Davis

September 11, 1935 - November 26, 2021

Michael Gardner Davis, age 86 , passed away peacefully on Friday, November 26, 2021 at his daughter's home in Glendive surrounded by family. Cremation has taken place and a family graveside service will be held at a later date in Willow Creek, Montana. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Michael was born on September 11, 1935 in Richey, Montana to Charles and Mary (Gardner) Davis. As a young child the family moved to Indiana for a short time and later to Three Forks, Montana where Michael was raised and educated, graduating from Three Forks High School with the class of 1953. Following high school, he continued his education at the University of Montana before enlisting in the United States Army. Michael served for two years in the Army and another five years in the Army Reserves before he received his honorable discharge. He began his career with the Montana Highway Patrol in 1961, he was stationed in Circle, Glendive, Helena, Miles City and Butte before he retired in 1995 as a Captain.

Michael was united in marriage to Dolly Lay on January 29, 1960 in Helena, this marriage later ended in divorce. In 1982 he married Dorothy Jones. She preceded him in death December 2019.

Michael enjoyed hunting, fishing, and going to auctions. He loved spending time with his family and following his children and grandchildren in all of their activities and sporting events. Michael was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Lions Club.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Michelle and Susan; two sisters, Pat and Peggy.

Michael is survived by his children, Debi (Steve) Johnson of Missoula, Linda (Shawn) Ward of Dillon, Jeanise (Patrick) Durnam of Bozeman, Patti Pettersen of Glendive and Michael Davis of Lewistown; grandchildren, Zachary and Seth Durnam, Whitney and Dustin Ward, Kelsey (Kyle) Ducharme, Jace Davis, Hadyn and Lexi Pettersen; four great grandchildren, Octavia, Ethan, Leah and Luxx; three step children, Debbie, Laurie, Ron and their families.

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Gardner Davis*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *We would like to offer our condolences to all the family of Michael Davis. Although our friendship with Mike was way too brief , we considered it a great privilege. We found Mike to be a very kind and compassionate person who inspired us around him to be a better person. May your memories ease your grief and make these extermely hard times easier to bear. May our Brother rest in peace and our Savior welcome him and recieve him with kindness and love. Fraternally and loving Walt and Helen Morris*

**Walter Morris** - December 03, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Mike, I liked his happy attitude and kidding.*



**Del Kranzler** - November 30, 2021 at 08:47 PM



“ *Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.* 🙏💙



**Carol Wolff** - November 30, 2021 at 08:23 PM

TH

“ *Rest In Peace Mike.  
Tom Hamilton MHP-retired*

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**Tom Hamilton** - November 30, 2021 at 06:00 PM

TS

“ *Tracey Hughes Sand lit a candle in memory of  
Michael Gardner Davis*



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**Tracey Hughes Sand** - November 30, 2021 at 04:15 PM

BO

“ *Captain Mike was on the interview panel when I joined the Patrol in 1978 and our careers crossed paths very often throughout the years. Mike always wore the uniform very well and certainly very proudly. Very sorry to hear of Mike's passing and our prayers go out to his family as they say farewell.  
Bert & Pam Obert*

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**Bert J. Obert** - November 30, 2021 at 03:01 PM

JH

“ *Dear Linda and family, I am so sorry to read of your Dad's passing. He was always so nice and gracious to me whenever I showed up at your house. There was always a smile waiting on his face. May all the good memories show up at unexpected times as you grieve.  
Love you!  
JoJo (Jonutis) Herem*

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**JoJo Herem** - November 30, 2021 at 12:43 PM

MR

“ Linda and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Margie Rahr

Margie Rahr - November 30, 2021 at 12:05 AM

PS

“ I enjoyed working with Mike throughout my Highway Patrol career from 1967-1993 as a patrolman and a Sgt under his command. My sincere condolences to all the family.  
Please let me know his memorial service date in Willow Creek.  
Email [mhp136@charter.net](mailto:mhp136@charter.net)  
Perry L Brown MHP 256-36-136  
Also known to Mike as “Two Pencil Brown” My Blackfoot Indian name.

Perry Brown Sr. - November 29, 2021 at 10:09 PM

EH

“ Ellie Herbst lit a candle in memory of Michael Gardner Davis



Ellie Herbst - November 29, 2021 at 09:14 PM

GE

“ Grace Koffler Evinrude lit a candle in memory of Michael Gardner Davis



Grace Koffler Evinrude - November 29, 2021 at 08:29 PM

CB

“ Patti and family so sorry to hear about your dad. Hold tight to the memories. Hugs and prayers.

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**Cindi and Dennis Byron** - November 29, 2021 at 07:51 PM

JD

“ Both David and I worked with Mike while in Butte. He was devoted to the MHP and his family. Our condolences to the family. Janet Dill

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**Janet Dill** - November 29, 2021 at 06:51 PM

CK

“ Our condolences to the Pettersen family upon the loss of your father and grandfather. You will be in our prayers.

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**Carol Kittler** - November 29, 2021 at 05:35 PM