



Michael Slehofer

June 5, 1959 - September 17, 2021

Michael Dean Slehofer passed away peacefully September 17, 2021 following a six week battle with pneumonia with family at his side. A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Mike was born June 5, 1959 in Glendive to Fred and Ella (Malkuch) Slehofer. He grew up and attended Glendive Schools, graduating from DCHS in 1977. Mike went to work for BN Railroad after graduation, and remained a railroader his entire career of nearly 42 years, mentoring younger machinists and collecting friends.

In his younger years, Mike loved fast cars, fast motorcycles, and fast boats. His motorcycle trips and the retelling of stories leave us wondering how they ever made it home. Later, summer weekends were filled with family at sister Barb Gehnert's cabin at Fort Peck.

While Mike did not grow up with a father, he had plenty of uncles and 4 older brothers who amply filled the 'father shoes', teaching him not only about life, but mechanics, farming, construction, and hunting.

One of Mike's passions was hunting, which included pre-hunting preparation, hunting, sausage making, and right back to hunting preparation for the next year. He looked forward to annual elk hunts with sons Pete and Stefan, son-in-law Chad Long, brother-in-law Rudy Lindstrom, cousins Joe Malkuch and James Huffman, and the special rituals of elk camp.

Mike's retirement, while short, could not have been any fuller. He took life at a slower pace, doing exactly what he wanted to do, in his own time. He started

his days by 6 am, usually with a quick visit to his sister Grace Koffler, and then into his day. He looked for every opportunity to be on either his tractor or backhoe, spent time with “his girls” (as many as 40 adoring hens), and starting new projects constantly (and never finished). His day ended with a post-dinner, pre-bed nap in his recliner.

Most of all, Mike cherished time spent with his wife, children, grandchildren and friends. He raised his children by being an example of hard work, integrity, responsibility and accountability; teaching them to take pride and find the fun in your work. He could not have been a better husband or father.

Mike’s faith was strong, and he had the assurance he was right with God, even though he was not a consistent church attendee. When he first became ill, he let us know that he’d had a conversation with God, and was ready to go to Him, should that time come.

In 1986, Mike married Amy Henry, and welcomed her daughter Amber as his own. Daughters Jessica and Amanda were added before they divorced.

In 1992 Mike met, and married his wife Susan Price Travis; that union brought her son Pete to the mix. Son Stefan, born in 1997, completed the family.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Ella (Malkuch) Slehofer, oldest sister Barbara Gehmert, best friend and brother-in-law Rudy Lindstrom, and brothers-in-law Jerome Koffler and Russell Evinrude.

Mike is survived by his wife Susan, daughter Amber (Chad) Long, Hailee and Hannah, son Pete Travis, and daughter Jessica Slehofer, Maddison and Zoei, all of Glendive; daughter Amanda (Matthew) Pigman, Felix of Oklahoma, and son Stefan Slehofer (Aaliyah Marx) of Bozeman; brothers Dale Engle and Elton (Dee) Engle of Sheridan, Dennis (Rosie) Engle and Warren (Anne) Engle of Glendive, sisters Kay Lindstrom of Mesa, Arizona and Grace Koffler of Glendive, brother-in-law Art Gehmert, 18 nieces and nephews, and many other special family members.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Slehofer*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Rolly And Barb Anvik lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Rolly and Barb Anvik - September 27, 2021 at 01:23 AM



“ *I always looked up to Mike and his laughing made me laugh. He was one of my dads favorites.*

Bryan malkuch - September 24, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Slehofer.*



September 24, 2021 at 02:01 AM

DB

“ Our condolences to the family and friends of Michael Slehofer at this difficult time. Prayers to everyone.



Denise and Joe Bortrager - September 22, 2021 at 09:55 PM

DB

“ Our condolences to the family and friends of Michael Slehofer during this difficult time.



Denise and Joe Bortrager - September 22, 2021 at 09:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Slehofer.

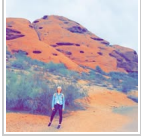


September 22, 2021 at 01:58 PM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers today and in the difficult days to follow.
Loretta McDanold Miller

Loretta McDanold Miller - September 22, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ *Codi Smith lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Codi Smith - September 22, 2021 at 11:07 AM

AP

“ *Miss this guy what a great man and warm heart . Loved his humor he could laugh about himself . Worked with him 38 years god bless*

alice peterson - September 22, 2021 at 09:20 AM

SB

“ *Sharon Bain lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Sharon Bain - September 22, 2021 at 09:05 AM

MK

“ *Mary Kutzler lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Mary Kutzler - September 22, 2021 at 01:20 AM

SR

“ *My heart is broken for you all. 💔 You described Mike so well. He truly was that person, to everybody around him. We will sure miss him in the neighborhood. ❤️*

Sandy Raney - September 22, 2021 at 12:04 AM

RH

“ *Ralph And Janet Hieb lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Ralph and Janet Hieb - September 21, 2021 at 08:39 PM

DS

“ *Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Denise Stoddart - September 21, 2021 at 07:52 PM

PM

“ *Paul And Juanita McDanold lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Paul And Juanita McDanold - September 21, 2021 at 12:24 PM

CW

“ *Carol Wolff lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Carol Wolff - September 21, 2021 at 12:02 AM

JK

“ *I am sorry to hear of Mike's passing. My condolences and prayers.*

Jan Kruger - September 20, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Michael Slehofer.*



September 20, 2021 at 06:52 PM

DM

“ *Debbie & Jerry Malkuch lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Debbie & Jerry Malkuch - September 20, 2021 at 01:52 PM

JN

“ *Jack & Kathy Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Jack & Kathy Nicholson - September 20, 2021 at 12:09 PM

MK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.. you will all be in our thoughts and prayers.*

melissa kwasney - September 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM

JD

“ *John & Terra Doll sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Slehofer*



John & Terra Doll - September 19, 2021 at 10:31 PM

BJ

“ *Prayers for everyone* 🕊



Bob and Dixie Justice - September 19, 2021 at 10:26 PM

BT

“ *Becky (Chouinard) Ttpton sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Becky (Chouinard) Ttpton - September 19, 2021 at 09:54 PM

PT

“ *Phil Tuccillo lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Phil Tuccillo - September 19, 2021 at 05:32 PM

JS

“ *Jim & Donna Latka Stanfill lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Jim & Donna Latka Stanfill - September 19, 2021 at 05:16 PM

PZ

“ *Our sincere condolences to Mike's family. Hold those precious memories close to your hearts. Prayers for peace and strength to you all.*



Penny Zimmerman - September 19, 2021 at 03:45 PM

DV

“ *Deb Pete Vogel lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Deb Pete Vogel - September 19, 2021 at 03:24 PM

LT

“ *Les&Virginia Tipton lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Les&Virginia Tipton - September 19, 2021 at 02:49 PM

JL

“ *Jeanne Loberg lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



jeanne loberg - September 19, 2021 at 01:09 PM

BK

“ *Bonita & Bill Keel lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



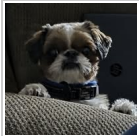
Bonita & Bill Keel - September 19, 2021 at 11:36 AM

John Rahr

“ *John Rahr lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



John Rahr - September 19, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *Toni Goroski lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Toni Goroski - September 19, 2021 at 09:43 AM

MV

“ *Milo & Tammy Voigt lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Milo & Tammy Voigt - September 19, 2021 at 08:34 AM

LH

“ *Mike was a classmate who always had a smile and a big hello from as far back as I can remember. Prayers to Susan and family and Grace and family. May God grant you all peace in the upcoming days*

Lory Heltemes - September 19, 2021 at 01:25 AM

BJ

Mike was a good guy. His robust laugh and big smile was infectious. I heard a lot of hunting tales in the years I cut Mike's hair....he was a good story teller too!

Such a loss is hard to come to grips with. Praying for peace and strength during this difficult time

Barbara Johnson - September 22, 2021 at 02:13 AM

JT

“ *John And Debbie Tweet lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



John and Debbie Tweet - September 18, 2021 at 10:58 PM

TF

“ *The Knoll Family lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



The knoll family - September 18, 2021 at 09:40 PM

JT

“ *Jill Thom lit a candle in memory of Michael Slehofer*



Jill Thom - September 18, 2021 at 02:49 PM

MV

Our thoughts and prayers are with you

Milo & Tammy Voigt - September 19, 2021 at 08:32 AM