



## Michael Smith

July 10, 1958 - June 20, 2020

Michael A Smith, age 61, of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at his Home in Glendive. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Todd and Heather Eckert officiating.

The man. The myth. The legend. Michael A. Smith at age 61 set off on his adventure to his big fishing hole in the sky on June 20, 2020 after a courageous battle with ALS. Mike was born in Huntington Park, CA on July 10, 1958 to Robert Smith & Sarah Anne (Weber) Ford. He resided in Hawthorne, CA. While in California at the age of 5 Mike was often escorted back home by the police after being caught on the pier fishing. At age 12 he moved to Kanorado, KS with his parents & siblings. He graduated from Goodland High School in 1977. He married Sue King in 1984. From that union came four children Steven, Sean, Samuel & Miranda. They divorced in 1999. In 2003 he moved to Glendive, MT to work in the oilfield industry, where unexpectedly met the love of his life and soul mate, Lora Beeler on an early morning visit to CC Café where she was a waitress. After marrying Lora 10 years later on September 8, 2012 Mike gained two more sons, Josh & Trevon Schriver.

If you knew Mike at all you would know that the morning sun rarely rose before he had started his daily routine. His greatest words of wisdom often flowed with his morning coffee. Some of Mike's most common words of wisdom to his friends & family were paint the horse the color it is, pull the

dripper, can't buy experience, hey there stud, it is what it is and we are in this together. Mike did not take fashion advice from anyone. His signature look consisted of a white t-shirt with the old fashion pocket where he would store his chew, some elastic cotton shorts & of course the hey dude shoes. From the moment he met you he would automatically assign you a nickname. He was one of greatest story tellers of all time. He could tell you the same story a dozen times & it would never get old. The thing that excited Mike most was fishing of all kinds whether they were biting or not. It was not about the catch but about the memories on the water. He would often tell everybody that it was his form of therapy. Over the course of his life he held various occupations. Mike loved music and was a drummer in a band and a had a DJ service. He enjoyed farming & ranching where he gained a lifetime of friendships. He owned a hardware store & welding shop. His most recent occupation was working as a wireline engineer for MS Energy for 16 years. Retired in November of 2018 after being diagnosed with ALS.

Proceeded in death by his parents Robert Smith & Sarah Anne Ford, Sister Vickie Bohling, Father in law Darrell King & mother in law Peggy King, Father in law John Beeler, Sister in law Beth Beeler, Granddaughter Kaileigh Sphar. Survived by wife Lora Smith, Children Miranda (Tucker) Olsen & children Madison, Kaizen, Summer & Bennelli of Goodland, KS, Sam (Kristina) Smith & children Ashton & Kasante of North Platte, NE, Steven (Shasta) Smith & children Dakota, Jailiegh, Madelyn & Chloe and Sean Smith of Bartley, NE, Josh (Julie) Schriver & children Easton, Cooper & Grayson of Glendive, MT and Trevon (Heather) Schriver & children Carley & James of Great Falls, MT. Sister Debbie (Mitch) Fahey & Noah of Kanorado, KS. Nikki (Josh) Hauggard & children Patience & Venni of Ellsworth, KS. Great granddaughter Marley of Xenia, OH. Numerous nieces & nephews.

Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **24.** 10:00 AM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home  
221 North Meade Avenue  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Smith*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *May God wrap you all in his loving arms.  
Praying for you all.*



**Jim & Donna Latka Stanfill** - June 24, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ *Lora, you are in my thoughts & prayers.* ❤️



**Carol F. Wolff** - June 23, 2020 at 11:25 PM



“ *Les & Gina sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Michael Smith*



**Les & Gina** - June 23, 2020 at 07:27 PM

BT

“ *Lora and Family I'm so sorry for your loss!*

Becky Tipton - June 23, 2020 at 07:13 PM

 Pam  
Rice

“ *Lora & Family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. Praying for your comfort during this sad  
time.*

*Pam Rice*

Pam Rice - June 23, 2020 at 04:35 PM

DS

“ *Dick Sadorf lit a candle in memory of Michael  
Smith*



Dick Sadorf - June 23, 2020 at 01:31 PM



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



June 23, 2020 at 01:24 PM

DS

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



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**Denise Stoddart** - June 22, 2020 at 07:57 PM

MK

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



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**Mary Kutzler** - June 22, 2020 at 06:44 PM

AS

“ *Anita Spencer lit a candle in memory of Michael Smith*



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**Anita Spencer** - June 22, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael Smith.*



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June 22, 2020 at 03:19 PM