



Morris Lee Flaten

December 22, 1942 - December 2, 2022

Morris L. Flaten, age 79, a longtime resident of Carpio, ND, passed away December 2, 2022 at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux, MT. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 A.M. CST on Friday, May 12, 2023 at First Lutheran Church in Williston, ND with Pastor Zach Harris officiating. Interment will take place at Riverview Cemetery in Williston. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Morris Lee Flaten was born December 22, 1942 to Harless and Helen (Lee) Flaten in Williston. In 1944, the Flaten family moved to Poplar, MT and lived there for seven years, and after briefly living in Kenmare, ND moved to Carpio. Morris resided in Carpio until October 2022 when he moved to the Golden Valley Manor in Beach, ND after being diagnosed with cancer.

Morris was an avid sportsman and enjoyed playing and watching all sports. He traveled often to cheer on the games of his nieces and nephews. He especially enjoyed the game of golf where he achieved four hole-in-ones in his lifetime ventures. There weren't very many sand green golf courses he had not played in North Dakota and he usually brought along his younger sister to caddie. After graduating from Carpio High School in 1961, Morris attended Williston College where he played on their first basketball team. He also attended Minot Business College. While attending these colleges his favorite pass time was playing cards with his buddies. In his later years, he spent time with lifelong friends, Donovan and Marj, golfing in North Dakota, Las Vegas, AZ and every available golf course along the way. They went to

rodeos in Vegas while they were on their golfing excursions. He made several golfing trips to Jean's in Arizona to break up the winters working at the Carpio Farmers Union Oil Company. He also enjoyed bowling on league teams in Minot. Morris would be found in his garden or caring for his raspberries every summer. He will be most remembered for his love of his family and extended family of his Lee and Flaten aunts, uncles and cousins. His greatest joys of his lifetime were caring for his grandma, Mattie and his mom in their later years and time with his nieces and nephews. All of his family enjoyed his visits. He was known to calm a crying baby easily and kept meticulous scrapbooks of his nieces and nephews for all of us to treasure forever. Morris will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Morris was preceded in death by his grandparents, Tosten and Mattie Flaten and Ole and Mary Lee; his parents, Harless and Helen Flaten; his infant sister, Hildur Ann; his infant brother, Sydney Eugene, and his niece, Kristen Joan Flaten.

Surviving family members are his sister, Jean (Charles Jr.) Bodden of Tucson, AZ, and children, Charlie Bodden and son, Neil and Jim (Melissa) Bodden and daughter, Charlotte; his brother, Allen (Denise) Flaten of Fargo, ND, and children, David (Brooke) Flaten and son, Oliver, Garth (Devyn) Flaten and sons, Jack and Casey, and Anna (Brennan) Dyk and children, Madison, Lydia, and Jacob; his sister, Joan "Jo" (Tom) Heckaman of Beach and children, Stacey (Paul) Swanson of Beach and children, Storm (Elise), daughter, Ezrae and son, Emyrck, of New London, IA, Steffan Swanson of Grand Forks, ND, Thomas (Kate) Heckaman and children, Hayley, Tommy, and Jacky, and Mattie (Jude) Anheluk and children, Freddy and Arty.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

805 9th Ave. W
Williston, ND 58801

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
916 Main Street
Williston, ND 58801
office@firstlutheranwilliston.com

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Having been raised and educated at the Carpio Public School, I have many fond memories of Morris during my "school" years and after HS graduation. Durning adolescent and early teen years, Morris would join a group of us "kids" during many softball/baseball games in lots within Carpio. Morris was always upbeat and fun to be around. During early adult years, I had the opportunity to golf with Morris in Kenmare when golfing became an apparent passion for him. It was fun to walk the golf course and chat with Morris so many times. Morris also joined many family BBQ outings we had at my sister and brother in law's farm 4 miles east of Carpio. Again, Morris' presence was always most enjoyable.
Our sympathy is extended to Morris' siblings and relatives.! Phil & LaVae Haaland

Phillip J Haaland - February 07, 2023 at 12:18 AM

GH

“ GMC Hospice lit a candle in memory of Morris Flaten



GMC Hospice - January 06, 2023 at 12:49 PM

KV

“ As the eldest cousin on the Flaten side, Morris was always held in great esteem. We all looked up to Morris and wanted to know all about what he was doing. We fondly remember looking over his prized baseball card collection and the times on the golf course. My husband, John, always laughed at how Morris would hit his putt and then run after it, knowing it was probably going in the hole. Rest in Peace dear cousin. Karen Flaten Verdura”



Karen Verdura - December 09, 2022 at 01:06 PM

JH

Thank you Karen for your kind words! He will definitely leave a void in our lives! I will miss calling Morris almost daily to see what was going on in Carpio and in his life.

Jo Heckaman - December 09, 2022 at 08:53 PM

JL

“ Rest in peace cousin.

Jim Lee - December 08, 2022 at 11:09 PM

JH

Thank you Jim! His funeral is tentatively scheduled May 12th at First Lutheran in Williston. I won't know for sure until January 8th.

Jo Heckaman - December 09, 2022 at 08:55 PM

DM

“ We only knew Morris a short time at the Manor. We enjoyed him. I remember he had to eat supper fast so he could watch the World Series. My prayers are with you!

Darla Maus - December 08, 2022 at 10:24 PM

JH

Thank you Darla! He did enjoy his time he spent at the Golden Valley Manor. He just loved being able to visit with so many caring people. Thank you for the loving care you provided.

Jo Heckaman - December 09, 2022 at 09:08 PM



“ Morris Lee Flaten

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM

LC

“ So many memories to share!!! He was an avid follower of our Beths sporting events! He was always there with my mom and dad cheering her on! Morris and I talked a few weeks ago about all the good times we had building and playing at “our cabin”. I can’t tell you how many rocks he hauled, wood he carried, and walls he painted!! And the gardening - he loved the gardens and all the fresh produce!! He helped can, freeze and shucked corn. He loved our meals together at our dining room table. He would often bring Helen a plate home of goodies and meals. And then there were cards!! We worked hard in the morning and would play cards every afternoon and evening. So fun!!! His favorite sayings when he had a great hand was “God bless America”. When he didn’t have a good hand it was “Oh farmer”. I still have the golf ball he put on my dads grave. He was a part of our family! We loved Morris!!

Lisa Clute - December 07, 2022 at 10:45 AM

JH

Thank you Lisa for your kind words! He loved your family and your family was one of the things he talked about at the end of his life. You gave him memories that we will cherish forever! Thank you for your unending friendship with Morris!

Jo Heckaman - December 07, 2022 at 10:28 PM

DA

To Morris's Family, he was my Dad, Don Arnson's cousin. Thoughts and prayers to the family at this difficult time. David Arnson-Williston, ND

David Arnson - December 08, 2022 at 09:32 PM

PT

“ *Our condolences to you Jo and family.* 🙏🙏

Pat & Paul Thompson - December 06, 2022 at 11:17 PM

JH

Thank you!

Jo Heckaman - December 07, 2022 at 10:30 PM