



## Pearce Fatzinger

September 6, 1927 - December 9, 2025

Pearce Tomkins Fatzinger was born on September 6, 1927, in Miles City, Montana to Grace and Victor Fatzinger. They moved to the Bloomfield area where Pearce then lived, farmed and raised cattle. He lived there the rest of his life. He graduated from Dawson County High School. During his high school years, he boarded with his brothers in Glendive. He saved enough money working at the Albrecht coal mine to travel with friend Leslie Unruh. After the war ended, they travelled to Chicago, where they each bought a new car.

Pearce married Joeelyn (Jackie) Heil October 6, 1950, in Glendive, Montana. He is survived by daughters Audree (Lowell) Dietz, Sequim Washington, Diane Fatzinger, Sequim Washington, and Janet Fatzinger, Bloomfield Montana.

He taught adult Sunday school, served on several community boards including South Valley School, Bloomfield Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Richey Alliance Church, Bloomfield Farmers Union station, and Richey Farmers Union elevator. He also measured acreage and bins for the Dawson County ASCS. Pearce loved ice cream, pie, and farming (even harvesting on his 90th birthday). Over several years he enjoyed traveling to the west, southwest, and Wisconsin with his nephews Robert and Roy Fatzinger, niece Florene Green, and sister-in-law Florence Fatzinger. After

visiting Southern California with Robert, Pearce commented, "The rides were better at Knott's Berry Farm than they were at Disneyland." He regularly visited with friends, neighbors, and relatives in person and by phone and mail. Opportunities to gather with family were especially important to him. We offer a very special thanks to Roy and Carol Fatzinger and family for every hour of fellowship, care, and prayers. Dad thought highly of each of you.

After his brother George died, Pearce made weekly trips to Glendive to take George's wife Cathy to hair appointments, grocery shopping, and lunches, happily returning with a bounty of Cathy's home baked goods. He enjoyed playing Rook, The Game of 99, as well as touring hydroelectric dam facilities, a Ford assembly plant, state capitals, The Queen Mary II, and a Trident class submarine.

In the fall of 2021, he entered care at the McCone County Healthcare facility in Circle, Montana. Thank you to the staff there for their excellent care.

He went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 9, 2025. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 2:00 PM at the Richey Alliance Church in Richey, Montana, officiated by Paul Sponheim. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with arrangements.

To honor Pearce's memory, donations can be made to Eastern Montana Bible Camp and the Richey Christian Missionary Alliance.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 11. 2:00 PM (MT)

Richey Alliance Church  
Richey, MT

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Brenda Mischel lit a candle in memory of Pearce Fatzinger*



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**Brenda Mischel** - April 08 at 09:41 PM

MB

“ *Marie Barthel lit a candle in memory of Pearce Fatzinger*



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**Marie Barthel** - December 14, 2025 at 03:37 PM

TP

“ *Pust family sending prayers.*

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**Tyler Pust** - December 12, 2025 at 09:10 PM

MS

“ *So sorry to hear this news. Pearce was such a gentle spirit and so kind to my dad in his last years. Pearce would always stop for a visit or a phone call and that meant so much to daddy. My deepest condolences to all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Margi Schlepp** - December 12, 2025 at 05:56 AM

WM

“ *Walter M McKeen lit a candle in memory of Pearce Fatzinger*



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**Walter M McKeen** - December 11, 2025 at 09:35 PM

HE

“ *I loved my visits with Pearce, and how he took my son on tractor rides and showed him around the farm (as did sweet Janet). He was a true reflection of Jesus, and I am praying for his whole family. We know Pearce is safe in the arms of Jesus!!*

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**Heidi** - December 11, 2025 at 08:58 PM

GL

“ *Pierce was a sweet gentle soul! I loved visiting with him when we hauled his wheat. Gerry Lobdell*

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**Gerry Lobdell** - December 11, 2025 at 06:30 PM