



Robert "Bob" Stortz

September 13, 1927 - November 18, 2014

Robert "Bob" Stortz, age 87, was called home to our Lord, with family by his side, on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the Eastern Montana Veteran's Home in Glendive, Montana. Visitation will be from 6:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 23, 2014 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with A Vigil Service to follow at 7:00 P.M. at the Silha Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, November 24, 2014 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Francis Schreiber officiating. Rite of Committal with military honors will be in Dawson County Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Bob was born in Glendive on September 13, 1927, to Theodore and Lena (Dalsasso) Stortz. He was raised north of Lindsay and attended Bickness Elementary School. He attended high school in Glendive and graduated from Dawson County High in 1945. Bob spoke fondly of his high school years and especially enjoyed his part-time job at Dion's Men's Clothing Store in Glendive. Bob served in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1951-1953 and after his honorable discharge he returned to the family farm where he farmed and ranched for the remainder of his life. Bob was very proud to be a Montana farmer and rancher and loved his rural life. His family still resides on the home place, where he raised various crops and registered Hereford cattle in the early years; later he established Stortz Angus Ranch, which produces registered Angus cattle. In 2008, Bob was honored when

Stortz Ranch Inc. received the Outstanding Dawson County Conservation Farmer/Rancher of the Year. Bob was a 4-H member in his childhood, and his children and grandchildren have carried the tradition, enjoying the fair every year.

Bob met Carla Jeanne Etzel in Glendive, and they were married in 1957. They raised seven children together on the family farm until Jeanne passed away in 1985. In 1989, Bob married Bev Zinniel, and they resided in Glendive. Bob loved the laughter and noise of his large family – family meant the world to him. He loved children in general, and in his final years, little ones were one thing that continued to bring him great joy. Bob enjoyed the beauty of a simple life. He was an early riser who taught his kids the value of a hard day's work and appreciated the beauty of the outdoors, noticing all changes in nature that foretold the weather and could always give you the forecast, his own or the radio's. Bob welcomed all opportunities to have a good visit, a cold beer, a nice meal, a hand of pinochle, a drive in the country to look at cattle and crops, and finding a "stray cookie to nibble on." Bob was a dedicated hometown Red Devil fan. He enjoyed viewing various sporting events, live or from the Lazy Boy, and playing baseball for Lindsay in his younger years. He was a lifetime member of the Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He loved socializing - going out on the town for a steak dinner and dancing with dear friends; he was a 65-year lifetime member of the Elks Club. Bob enjoyed attending the many activities of his kids and grandkids and loved holiday and family gatherings, especially at Christmas. He was quick-witted and had a great sense of humor that made all who knew him smile, even to his last days. His family feels incredibly blessed by the values he taught, his example of faith, and the many special memories shared with him throughout his long life.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, his siblings, George Stortz and Ethel Wolff; his wife, Jeanne and daughter Lonni Evans; and his wife, Bev and step daughters, Lori Seti and Joey Kline.

He will forever be loved, remembered, and missed by his children: Laurie

(Tim) Gibbs, Ted (Tarena) Stortz, Lynn (Elton) Stickel, LeAnne (Todd) Dufner, Lesli (Troy) Walters, Lisa (Tim) Quintus and son-in-laws: Shane Evans and Coy Kline; his grandchildren: Allison (Rick), Alicia (Kelly), Megan (Zach), Danielle, Bailey, Chelsea, Rob, Tate, Ben, Carly, Lindsay, Lane, Jeremy, Lexi (Jake), Abbey (Thomas), Paige, Morgen, Aubrey, Ashlyn, McKenna, Jeanie, Wyatt, Hannah, Chloe and Colby; great-grandchildren: Ryker, Maverick, Kaine, Krew, Brynlee, Alyvia and Ealin; and numerous extended family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Alzheimer's Association, Catholic Relief Services, or your local Food Bank.

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

Cemetery Details

Dawson County Cemetery

Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard
Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Vigil Service

NOV **23**. 7:00 PM (MT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
316 West Benham Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" Stortz*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Stortz Family....we are so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. It was an honor and a pleasure to have known him. We know he leaves a big 'hole' in the family circle and it's our prayer that God's love will surround and comfort you all. With love, Bob and Connie Phalen*

Bob and Connie Phalen - November 24, 2014 at 11:47 AM



“ *To the Stortz family; We are sorry for your loss. We will miss our friend but will cherish the memories we have with your mom and dad. Keeping you all in our thoughts.
Barb and Dick Michael*

Barb and Dick Michael - November 24, 2014 at 07:05 AM



“ *Dear Stortz cousins, I was sad to hear about Uncle Bob's passing. Indeed he did always have a special way with children. I was privileged to be one of them. :) I will be praying for all of you has you grieve this earthly loss, but also the hope of a joyous reunion one day! Lovingly, Lynette Coop*

Lynette Coop - November 24, 2014 at 06:48 AM

ML

“ My prayers and thoughts are with the Stortz family. Bob was always my "handsome cousin cowboy" when I was a young girl. Someplace I have great pictures from the 50's with Bob at the ranch. We always enjoyed visiting Aunt Lena and Uncle Ted on their ranch or when the family visited us in WI. Later I brought my husband for a visit and he was impressed and always told my friends about his experience on my cousin's ranch in MT. This picture of Bob and his smile is as I remember him now, always so welcoming.

Hugs to all,

Your cousin, Mary Ann (Loefflad) Liebert

Mary Ann Liebert - November 23, 2014 at 09:58 PM

JC

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to all the family. Recalling memories of your Mom, Dad and the family at the Lindsay ranch. May The Lord wrap His loving arms around all of you and give you strength and comfort.

Gary and Jackie Chelgren

Jackie Chelgren - November 23, 2014 at 03:17 PM

JS

“ Jim And Donna Stanfill lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Stortz



Jim and Donna Stanfill - November 23, 2014 at 09:17 AM

VL

“ *The Family of Bob Stortz,
My deepest sympathy to all of you on the
passing of your father and grandfather, Bob. I
have many memories of the good times
visiting Bob and extended families, including
that great smile. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*



*Victoria Lansing
Phoenix, AZ*

Victoria Lansing - November 22, 2014 at 11:39 AM

BM

“ *Dear Stortz family, we are sorry about the passing Bob. We will
miss our friend and will cherish all the wonderful memories we have
of him and your mom. Keeping you close in thought and prayer.
Barb and Dick Michael*

Barb & Dick Michael - November 22, 2014 at 10:42 AM

BS

“ *To the entire Stortz family....we are so sorry for your loss. Bob was
one of a kind. He took the time to visit and greeted everyone with a
smile. He was very proud of all of you. I recall many fond memories
of the basketball years with my parents. Our thoughts and prayers
are with you all during this difficult time.
Bob and Kristie Stanhope and family*

Bob & Kristie Stanhope - November 21, 2014 at 09:15 PM

SM

“ We were sorry to learn of the passing of your dear father and grandfather. We have so many fond memories of him. He is truly a blessing to many! May God bless all of you with many wonderful memories and joy and peace as you trust in Him.

Terry, Synneva, and Katrina Meldahl

Synneva Meldahl - November 21, 2014 at 08:11 PM

SD

“ Dear Stortz family, I want to send you my thoughts and prayers. May all the beautiful memories you share be your comfort today and the days ahead. May God give you peace knowing Bob is with his family in heaven.

sherilyn senner danielson - November 21, 2014 at 12:35 PM

MB

“ Dear STORTZ family all! So sorry for your loss, we too, like s o many remember him fondly. A few years back we traveled thru Glendive and I left a message on his phone i was in town at a local hotel, the next morning he was outside to greet us, he had found our Oregon license plate, we had the most memorable breakfast together, and he delighted me with information of the early Stortz family history. My Dad was his Dad George, youngest brother, Raymond Stortz. We attended the Stortz family reunion, we still relish the wonderful party that was organized for so many! God Bless him and the beautiful family he has left behind, he has prepared you well to carry on the family history with great pride. Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Cousin Martha Stortz Butler. Portland ,Oregon

Martha Stortz Butler - November 21, 2014 at 12:02 PM

SC

“ *Stortz family, so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad and Grandpa. He will be missed but cherish the memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. He raised a great 4-H family.*
Arvid & Sherry Corneliusen

Sherry & Arvid Corneliusen - November 20, 2014 at 08:58 PM

AC

“ *I love all my uncles, but Uncle Bob was especially dear to my heart. In all the years I was lucky enough to be around Uncle Bob never once did I see anything but a big wonderful smile on his face. It was the kind of smile that made you want to smile too. He will be missed dearly but will always be remembered.*
Anne Carr

Anne Carr - November 20, 2014 at 07:22 PM

KM

“ *Bob's smile lit up his face and made the person he was smiling at return it immediately. What a wonderful trait! Stortz family, you are some of the greatest people I have been blessed to know.*

Kathy Newton McLane

Kathy Newton McLane - November 20, 2014 at 11:45 AM



“ *When I think of uncle Bob I see his beautiful smile, his soft spoken voice, his kindness. My prayers for the beautiful family he raised.*

Dawn Zook - November 20, 2014 at 07:14 AM

LM

“ Stortz family, Gene & I are so sorry to see the loss of Bob. We will keep you all in our prayers as you go through this difficult time. We were talking about the bus trip to Whitefish for state tourney years ago and what a great time we had with your parents...great memories! God Bless. Sincerely, Gene & Leslie Micheletto

leslie micheletto - November 19, 2014 at 11:55 PM

KH

“ Stortz Family,
I am sad to learn of Bob's passing. I think of him often- I feel very blessed to have come to know him well over the past couple of years. I can honestly say I think he had the most loving, caring family, which really is a tribute to the kind of father he was. He was a true gentleman. God's blessings to all of you. Sincerely, Kristine

Kristine Hubbard - November 19, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Anne Sadorf - November 19, 2014 at 03:06 PM

AA

“ Dear Stortz family, you have had more than your share of griefs in the past several years and now you have lost your Dad. May God's peace fill your life with courage to live in the hope we are given as God's people. God bless your Dad's memory among us and may he rest in peace. Avis Anderson

Avis Anderson - November 19, 2014 at 01:14 PM