



## Robert L. Chelgren Sr.

September 21, 1942 - July 7, 2024

Robert “Bob” Lee Chelgren, age 81 of Glendive, Montana passed away on Sunday, July 7, 2024 at the Eastern Montana Veteran’s Home in Glendive. Visitation will be held from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services will be at 3:00 PM on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at the West Side Baptist Church in Glendive with Pastor Dan Pust officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Bob was born on September 21, 1942 in Malta, Montana to his parents Walter and Alice (Somers) Chelgren. As a young child Bob moved to Glendive where he was raised and educated. At the age of 17, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served for three years aboard the USS Lexington until his honorable discharge. After his military service, Bob returned to Glendive and was united in marriage to Shirley Miller on September 12, 1965 and to this union two children were born. Bob drove truck in the oilfield for several years and later started driving propane truck for Cenex and installed heating and cooling systems. Bob’s last career was as a roustabout in the oilfield which he continued to do until an injury forced him to retire in 1984. He was also proud to be a member of the Dawson County Search and Rescue Team.

Bob enjoyed woodworking, fishing, hunting trips to Wyoming, agate hunting and making jewelry from agates. He served as a volunteer sheriff’s deputy for several years. Above everything, he loved spending time with his

grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Shirley, one grandson, Marcus Chelgren; two sisters, Dona Kilseimer and Edith Geschwender.

He is survived by his son, Robert (Michelle) Chelgren of Casper, Wyoming; two daughters, Cindy (Kelly) Boho of Gillette, Wyoming and Roberta Metz of Green River, Wyoming; six grandchildren, Felisha (Nate) Taylor, Taylor and Tanner Boho, Jesse Stroope, Katie Olmstead, Trisha (Nick) Foster; six great grandchildren, Elizabeth and Bailee Taylor, Carter Trempe, Paisley Olmstead, Michael and Nathaniel Foster; four siblings, Kathy (Dick) Trask of Lewistown, Montana, Walt (Sharon) Chelgren of Laurel, Montana, Jerry (Sue) Chelgren of Derby, Kansas and Geraldine (Roger) Warner of Glendive; his beloved cat, Miss Kitty and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

## Visitation

JUL 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana  
221 N. Meade Avenue  
P.O. Box 848  
Glendive, MT 59330  
(406) 377-2622  
silha@midrivers.com  
<https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

JUL 11. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

West Side Baptist Church  
804 East Canary Lane  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall

TW

“ Tony "Cactus" & Tina Wall lit a candle in memory of Robert Chelgren



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Tony "Cactus" & Tina Wall - July 12, 2024 at 05:09 PM

DS

“ For about 15-17 years, beginning in 1990, Bob was THE public face and voice of Glendive's non profit paddlefish roe donation program centered at Intake, Montana. He represented the Chamber, Glendive, and the paddlefish better than we could have hoped for. He was a natural for public relations and a natural representative for the program at Intake, whether interacting with paddlefish snaggers or with diverse people from all regions and walks of life that showed up there. Bob could talk with anyone and literally everyone enjoyed talking with Bob. He was knowledgeable, personable, and had a very good sense of humor. He was always interesting and always tolerant of others. He also gladly showed visitors about things like agate hunting and how to carve diamond willow, subjects Bob, ever humble, was an expert at. The Bob I knew was meticulous, patient, and conscientious in his work, and in how he interacted with people. I considered myself very fortunate to have him as my friend. One remembrance of a person is how good of company, day to day, that person was. I have never been around anyone, anywhere, whom I considered any better company than Bob Chelgren. I am confident others who knew him feel the same way. He will be greatly missed.

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Dennis Scarnecchia - July 10, 2024 at 02:54 PM

BW

*Thank you Dennis.. you and Bob worked very well together and through this became friends and remained friends for many years..I personally want to thank you for your visits with him at the VA nursing home whenever you came to Glendive.. yes, he will will be greatly missed.. Thank you for your kind words.. Geraldine Warner*

**Butch and Gerrie Warner** - July 10, 2024 at 03:14 PM

MC

*The comments from Dennis leave very little to be said about Bob. People came from all over to paddlefish at Intake and their first question was: is Bob around? He brought many people back to this area, was a good worker and extremely personable. He was great to work with in all of the jobs he held over the years. God bless his memory and his family.*

**Mike Carlson** - July 10, 2024 at 10:50 PM

PJ

*Thank you Dennis for your comments. Bob was a pleasure to be around. I enjoyed working with you both.*

**paul Jarvis** - July 13, 2024 at 10:38 AM

GK

“ Grace Koffler lit a candle in memory of Robert Chelgren



**Grace Koffler** - July 10, 2024 at 10:44 AM

SD

“ Susan Drivdahl lit a candle in memory of Robert Chelgren



**Susan Drivdahl** - July 09, 2024 at 08:43 PM



“ *Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of Robert Chelgren*



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**Andeen Raymond** - July 09, 2024 at 03:59 PM

SS

“ *Sorry for alls loss*



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**sue nentwig schwindt** - July 09, 2024 at 03:24 PM

TD

“ *So sorry for your loss of Bob. He is pain free and reunited with Shirley. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. RIP BOB!*



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**Tammy Dey** - July 09, 2024 at 03:14 PM

MK

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss! i enjoyed visiting with Bob through the years!!*

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**Melissa Kwasney-Gullikson** - July 09, 2024 at 12:44 PM

BW

“ *Butch and Gerrie Warner lit a candle in memory of Robert Chelgren*



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**Butch and Gerrie Warner** - July 09, 2024 at 11:49 AM

LO

“ *We are so sorry to hear about Bob. We have great memories of Bob at Intake during paddle fish season. We have known the Chelgren family for many years having lived in Glendive for many years. Good night Bob, sleep well.*

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**Larry and Sandy Oium** - July 09, 2024 at 10:33 AM

DS

“ *Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Robert Chelgren*



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**Denise Stoddart** - July 09, 2024 at 10:24 AM

CH

“ *To the Chelgren family, I am sorry to see your loss of Bob. He is now with the love of his life Shirley. God Bless you and he can fly high with the angels. RIP Bob*  
*Carol Hanson*

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**Carol Hanson** - July 08, 2024 at 07:07 PM

CH

“ Carol Hanson sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Chelgren



Carol Hanson - July 08, 2024 at 07:02 PM

AS

“ Anita Spencer lit a candle in memory of Robert Chelgren



Anita Spencer - July 08, 2024 at 06:43 PM

DS

“ 1 file added to the album Intake



Dennis Scarnecchia - July 08, 2024 at 06:13 PM

BW

Thank you Dennis for sharing this picture of Bob.. he is in his element..Butch and Gerrie Warner

Butch and Gerrie Warner - July 08, 2024 at 09:19 PM



“ VVA#234 lit a candle in memory of Robert Chelgren



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VVA#234 - July 08, 2024 at 06:10 PM