



## Robert "Buddy" Stairs

May 9, 1959 - December 27, 2011

Belle Fourche, South Dakota: Robert "Buddy" Stairs, 52, of Glendive, Montana and formerly of Belle Fourche passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at his daughter's home in Belle Fourche, surrounded by his loving family. A Ceremonial Tribute will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche with Pastor Kelley Lovelace and Larry Strickland officiating. Interment will follow at the Hope Cemetery in Newell, South Dakota. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Reverend Skip Lamb officiating. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the local arrangements. Buddy was born on May 9, 1959 in St. Louis, Missouri to Gregory and Beverly Elaine (Briggs) Gilley. He graduated from high school in Williams Port, Indiana with the class of 1977. He attended ITT Vocational Technical College in Indiana where he earned his certification as an automotive technician. Through the years he continued his education to remain certified in auto mechanics and worked as a mechanic for over thirty five years. He served in the United States National Guard from 1978 until he was honorably discharged in 1983. In 1978, Buddy moved with his family from Indiana to Ellendale, North Dakota where he remained for a short time before moving to Casper, Wyoming. While working in Casper he met Randie Meyers and they were united in marriage on January 24, 1978 and to this union two children were born, Desmond and Sheila. Following their marriage they moved to the

Orman-Arpan area to live on the Meyers farm. Through the years they moved to various places where Buddy worked as a mechanic. They eventually returned to the Meyers family farm and Buddy worked for several years at Hoseth's in Belle Fourche. They moved to Glendive where Buddy was employed at HKT Big Sky Motors. Buddy's passion in life was his many cars. He felt a need to help anyone in anyway he could. He was a great man with a heart of gold. He was a hard worker and a family man who enjoyed spending time with family, friends and his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Beverly and cherished step-father, Harold Nishek; birth father, Gregory Gilley; adoptive father, Edgar Stairs; grandparents, Henry and Elsie Goehl; step-brother, Clarence Stairs; step-sister, Julie Stairs; niece Christa Sallani; sister-in-law, Char Seaman and father-in-law, Donald Meyers. Survivors include his wife, Randie Stairs of Glendive; son, Desmond Stairs and fiance, April Bryant of Moorcroft, Wyoming; daughter, Sheila and (Derrick) Erhart of Belle Fourche; brother, Bruce and (Barb) Stairs of Glendive; sisters, Lisa and (Everett) Rains of Ellendale, North Dakota and Jean and (Charlie) Lutz of Mandan, North Dakota; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Stairs, Kathleen Stairs, Owen Erhart and Nathan Erhart and numerous nieces and nephews. An online guest book is available at [www.klinefuneralchapel.com](http://www.klinefuneralchapel.com). Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silve-rnale-silhafuneralhome.com](http://www.silve-rnale-silhafuneralhome.com).

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