



## Robert Lee Zinda

December 24, 1942 - March 1, 2018

Robert Lee Zinda, age 75, of Wibaux, Montana passed away on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Glendive Medical Center in Glendive, Montana. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at St. Phillip's Catholic Church south of Wibaux with Father Xavier Arimboor officiating. Rite of Committal will take place at a later date. Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Robert was born on December 24, 1942 in Beach, North Dakota. He was the eldest son of Edward and Jean (Bachmeier) Zinda. Robert attended and graduated from Wibaux Public Schools. After graduation he enlisted in the National Guard and was a member for six years.

Robert married Judy Dowson and to this union three children were born; Russell Zinda, Debra Charles and Angela Kuehn. In 1985, Robert met Mardella Stigen and the two were inseparable for thirty-three years. He had a special bond with his stepdaughters, Mardi and Jewel and grandchildren, as if they were his own. They were married on March 1, 2013 with friends CD and Gloria Nelson as witnesses. Robert passed away on their fifth anniversary.

Robert worked for Haliburton for twenty-one years and in 1987, they moved back to the family farm south of Wibaux. He then drove school bus from 1987-1999. It was then that he returned to trucking for CHS, retiring in 2011. After retiring, Robert took it upon himself to remodel the farmhouse with assistance from his brother-in-law, Gerald Weidner.

Robert was a member of St. Phillip's Catholic Church his entire life. He liked

building derby cars with his brothers and son, later with his son-in-law and grandsons. Robert loved his farm animals, especially his cows and dogs. He even built a duck pond for his grandchildren. Robert had a special bond with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They will miss him dearly.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Jean; his brother, Sylvester; his stepson, Perry Liebig and a grandson.

Robert is survived by his wife, Mardella Zinda of Wibaux; his son, Russell Zinda of Glendive; his daughters, Debra Charles of Mesa, Arizona and Angela (Todd) Kuehn of Billings, Montana; his stepdaughters, Mardi (Bruce) Brown of Baker, Montana and Jewel (Ernie) Kriedeman of Baker; his brothers, David (Lonnie) Zinda of Rapid City, South Dakota and Leroy (Deb) Zinda of Mandarin, Wyoming; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-five great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Philip's Catholic Church

St. Philip's, MT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Lee Zinda*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *I was in the Army with Robert at Ft Ord, CA. We took basic and AIT together. He was a good guy and I have never forgotten him I always thought I'd look him up some day, but I never did and now I can't. I am sorry for that.*

**Rod Mortensen** - December 13, 2021 at 04:24 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of the loss of Robert. Sending Thoughts and Prayers from the Dominic and Margaret Begger Family*



**Janel Ordahl** - March 05, 2018 at 05:59 PM

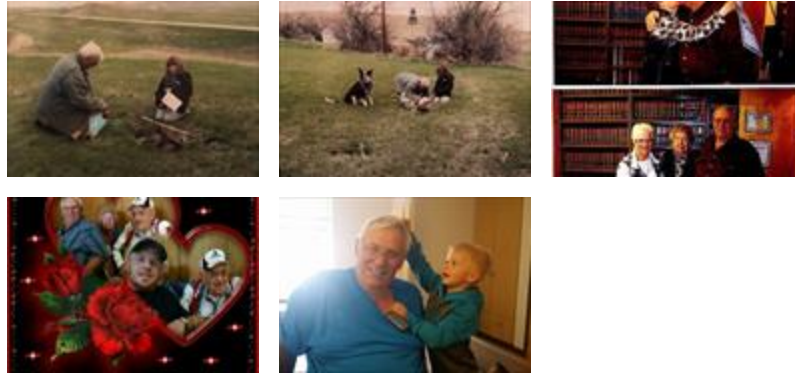


“ *We are sending our deepest sympathies. Keeping all of you in our Thoughts and Prayers. The Gene and LeeAnn Koppinger Family*

**Gene Koppinger** - March 05, 2018 at 02:06 PM

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“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Mardi Brown - March 03, 2018 at 10:14 PM

EL

“ Eula Langton lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Zinda



Eula Langton - March 03, 2018 at 10:40 AM

CH

“ Carol Hanson lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Zinda



Carol Hanson - March 02, 2018 at 10:55 PM