



## Rockie Shoopman

January 3, 1957 - July 14, 2023

Rockie Shoopman, age 66 of Glendive, Montana passed away on Friday, July 14, 2023 at Canyon Creek Memory Care in Billings, Montana. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Francis Schreiber officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Rockie was born on January 3, 1957 in Glendive, Montana, to parents Joe K. Shoopman and Joan E. (Searer) Shoopman. He attended school in Glendive, graduating from DCHS with the Class of 1975. After graduation, he went to Billings to attend Automotive School. He worked at a Standard Oil gas station, where he met his future wife, Debbie Lix. The Automotive School closed so he moved back to Glendive where he started a career with the BNSF Railway in 1977.

Rockie and Debbie married on September 12, 1981. They added to the family by having two sons: Chad and Shane. He was very active in their lives and any of the activities they were in. He was very proud of their accomplishments.

He loved to hunt and fish and went every opportunity he could. In 1984, he took up the hobby of taxidermy and many hunters in Glendive and the surrounding areas have his mounts in their homes.

Rockie volunteered a lot in the Glendive Community through the years. He also was willing to give a helping hand to any one who asked. He was an

active member of the Red Devil Booster Club. Whether it be doing the tail gates, selling half and half or getting treats for the athletes for Divisionals and State, he was always there.

Sadly, Rockie was diagnosed with early on-set Alzheimer's. It slowly robbed him of his independence. He was a resident of Canyon Creek Memory Care for over 3 years. The family would like to thank all of the employees there who took care of him during his stay. God bless all of you for everything you did.

We would also like to thank Compassus Hospice Care for all they did, too.

Rockie is survived by his wife Debbie, his sons Chad (Fatema Karim) and Shane (Deidre Dilbeck); his brother Dick (Sheri) Shoopman; his sisters Sally (Rupert) Liddie and Cookie Yoder; his niece Tori (Chris and Madeline) Dellapaoleri; his nephews J.D. (Rachel Mitchell) Shoopman and Jason Lix; his aunts Janette Carter, Georgia Searer, and Linda Peterson; his mother-in-law Dolores Lix; his brother-in-law Kirk Lix; many cousins and extended family, as well as many wonderful friends and neighbors.

He is preceded in death by his parents, both sets of grandparents, his brother Bud Shoopman, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family asks that memorials be made to the Red Devil Booster Club (P.O. Box 343, Glendive, MT), The Glendive Community Cancer Fund (P.O. Box 1144, Glendive, MT), or the charity of one's choice. He always wanted donations to stay in Glendive.

Remembrances and condolences can 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

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Stacey B*



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**Stacey B** - July 30, 2023 at 10:10 PM

DG

“ *Dennis Susan Germann lit a candle in  
memory of Rockie Shoopman*



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**Dennis & Susan Germann** - July 24, 2023 at 04:36 PM

MP

“ Well before this sad time, from out of the blue, I would often think of Rockie. Those memories always brought a smile or a chuckle. After all, Rockie had that personality that carried joy and laughter. Rock and I had a unique bond. He was the center of the Red Devil football team and I was the quarterback. Whenever he would see me, he would insist on hiking an imaginary ball to me! The two of us reliving the "Glory Days," was quite a sight. I'm hoping we can do that when we meet again, with me throwing an incomplete pass as usual!

Once, he gave me a ride home from school on his motorcycle. I was carrying, on a hanger, a red blazer that football players wore during homecoming week. Suddenly, the motorcycle lurched to a stop. It seemed the blazer got caught in the spokes, ripping it to shreds. Thankfully, we weren't hurt. And, thankfully, vice principal Darling thought it was hilarious when I returned the chewed-up blazer. As I was going over those memories, it came to me how much Rock cared about his buddies. If one of us was going through a tough time, you could see the concern on his face, ready to help. Rockie, you were one of a kind. We are all lucky to call you friend.  
Mike Powers, Class of 75.

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**Mike Powers** - July 21, 2023 at 04:23 PM

LM

“ My condolences to the entire family. Rockie was always very supportive of me while I was in Glendive. I always enjoyed our conversations.

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**Liam Maroney** - July 21, 2023 at 12:57 AM

CZ

“ Rockie was such a nice guy. We have you all in our thoughts and prayers. Duane and Cindy Zimmerman

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**Cindy Zimmerman** - July 20, 2023 at 07:50 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Debbie. - Eliese Hrubes*

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**Eliese Hrubes** - July 20, 2023 at 04:07 PM



“ *Deb, I'm so sorry for your loss. Rockie always made me feel so welcome. I will cherish his memory from so many years ago.*

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**Jim Lindstrom** - July 20, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Rockie, Tori. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Diane*

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**Diane** - July 20, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ *Deb and Rockie's family, So sorry for your loss, and everyone who had the pleasure to know Rock Rockie, you will forever be in our hearts.*



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**Pete and Deb Vogel** - July 20, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *Rick Kathy Wegmann lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



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**Rick and Kathy Wegmann** - July 20, 2023 at 09:00 AM

GO

“ Great memories of Rockie from DCHS and the reunions we shared! So sorry for your loss! Prayers for comfort and peace.



Gail Overby - July 20, 2023 at 08:32 AM

RA

“ Was there ever anyone easier to talk to? Just get through the introduction and then the interesting conversation rolled on. He liked people.

Rose Marie Aus - July 20, 2023 at 12:38 AM



“ Diane Crockett lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman



Diane Crockett - July 19, 2023 at 10:42 PM

DE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Rockie was a great guy and we have a lot of good memories of Spook. Dave and Dona



Dona Engle - July 19, 2023 at 04:53 PM

WF

“ With love Cindy, Lynn and Lorna Farmer purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Rockie Shoopman.



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**With love Cindy, Lynn and Lorna Farmer** - July 19, 2023 at 04:53 PM

WF

“ With love Cindy, Lynn and Lorna Farmer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rockie Shoopman.

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**With love Cindy, Lynn and Lorna Farmer** - July 19, 2023 at 04:53 PM



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SM

“ *Scott Rita McPherson lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



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**Scott and Rita McPherson** - July 19, 2023 at 01:53 PM

BK

“ *Bonita Keel lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



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**Bonita Keel** - July 19, 2023 at 01:47 PM

AW

“ *Debbie, Our deepest condolences for you and your family with the passing of Rockie. We are lifting you and your family up in prayer for comfort. May God surround you and hold you close.*

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**Anita and George Worden** - July 19, 2023 at 01:31 PM

JR

“ *I have great memories of Rockie at the lake! So sorry for your loss.*

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**Judy Rowse** - July 19, 2023 at 01:04 PM

JM

“ Debbie, Chad, Shane , & all of your family, We are so saddened to hear of Rockie’s passing. I ran into Belinda today and she updated me. Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Keep all those good memories close to your hearts. 💙🙏💙



Joanne Makelky - July 19, 2023 at 12:35 AM

DT

“ Dave Liz Turner lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman



Dave & Liz Turner - July 18, 2023 at 10:56 PM

BH

“ Debbie, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Rest in Peace Rockie. You earned your rest.

Bill and Rita Hanley - July 18, 2023 at 07:45 PM

RO

“ Ray MaryAnn ODonnell lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman



Ray and MaryAnn ODonnell - July 18, 2023 at 04:58 PM

RJ

“ *Deb and family sorry to hear about Rocky. He is now flying with the Angels. I will always remember the good steaks he grilled at work. Enjoyed the railroad fishing tournaments with him. RIP Ralph and Janet Hieb*

Ralph and Janet - July 18, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rockie Shoopman.*



July 18, 2023 at 02:58 PM

BS

“ *Rest in peace Rockie. Bruce Sapp Texas*



Bruce Sapp - July 18, 2023 at 12:03 PM

SD

“ *Sandra Delamater lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



Sandra Delamater - July 18, 2023 at 11:07 AM

CW

“ *Deb and boys, I am so sorry for your loss.  
You're in my prayers.* 🙏



Carol Wolff - July 18, 2023 at 10:15 AM

RB

“ *Rick Karen Berg lit a candle in memory of  
Rockie Shoopman*



Rick and Karen Berg - July 18, 2023 at 03:55 AM

WM

“ *wendy millspaugh lit a candle in memory of  
Rockie Shoopman*



wendy chouinard millspaugh - July 17, 2023 at 09:37 PM

RC

“ *Robin Clarice lit a candle in memory of  
Rockie Shoopman*



Robin & Clarice - July 17, 2023 at 08:21 PM

CP

“ *Deb & family, we are so sorry to read this, as it is never easy even when you know the day is "coming". Rocky is now away from that dreaded disease! Cherish all the many fond memories. He certainly will be missed by alot of people!*

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**CHERISE PATTERSON** - July 17, 2023 at 07:09 PM

BS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Deb and family. The grieving has been long lasting with this disease. You memories will be a comfort.*



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**Becky and Dan Schmidt** - July 17, 2023 at 07:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rockie Shoopman.*



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July 17, 2023 at 06:27 PM

PH

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Deb and the family!*

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**Peggy Hansen** - July 17, 2023 at 05:07 PM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss. He has no more pain.



Daryl and Betty Lou Dekaye - July 17, 2023 at 04:37 PM

KH

“ Kris Haines lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman



Kris Sampson Haines - July 17, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rockie Shoopman.



July 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM

BS

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to Deb and family. Rocky was a special neighbor and friend to so many. May God give you comfort



Betty Shearer - July 17, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



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**Andeen Raymond** - July 17, 2023 at 12:52 PM

SF

“ *Focus on the wonderful memories. Mourn his passing, celebrate his spirit*  
*Susan and Richard Folden*  
*and family*

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**Susan Folden** - July 17, 2023 at 12:13 PM

TH

“ *Teresa Hathaway lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



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**Teresa Hathaway** - July 17, 2023 at 12:13 PM

EH

“ *Ellie Herbst lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



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**Ellie Herbst** - July 17, 2023 at 08:40 AM

SB

“ *Sandy David Barnick lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



Sandy and David Barnick - July 17, 2023 at 12:44 AM

GP

“ *Greg Post lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



Greg & Dixie Post - July 17, 2023 at 12:18 AM

DB

“ *My condolences to the family and friends of Rockie Shoopman at this difficult time. Prayers to all. So sorry for your loss Debbie.*



Denise Borotrager - July 16, 2023 at 11:31 PM

SM

“ *Shane Amber McPherson lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



Shane & Amber McPherson - July 16, 2023 at 10:53 PM

BS

“ *Bob Kristie Stanhope lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



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**Bob & Kristie Stanhope** - July 16, 2023 at 10:26 PM

MS

“ *mike Jacky Saur sent a virtual gift in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



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**mike and Jacky Saur** - July 16, 2023 at 08:33 PM

LR

“ *Deb, I'm so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers go out to you! (HUGS)!*

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**Lu Rathbun** - July 16, 2023 at 08:26 PM

JL

“ *Jeanne Loberg lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



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**Jeanne Loberg** - July 16, 2023 at 06:13 PM

JT

“ *Jill Thom lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



Jill Staffanson Thom - July 16, 2023 at 05:31 PM

EH

“ *Ellie HERBST lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



Ellie HERBST - July 16, 2023 at 02:45 PM

NK

“ *I wish you peace and comfort as you grieve.*

NANCY KORB - July 16, 2023 at 11:41 AM

NK

“ *NANCY KORB lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



NANCY KORB - July 16, 2023 at 11:38 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Rockie Shoopman.*



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July 16, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ *Grace Evinrude lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



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**Grace Koffler Evinrude** - July 16, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *jim alice bachmeier lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



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**jim and alice bachmeier** - July 16, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Deb and all of Rockie's family. Cherish the memories and find comfort and strength from the Lord. My deepest sympathy 🙏*

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**Jill Staffanson Thom** - July 16, 2023 at 09:14 AM

JJ

“ *jane jarvis lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



jane jarvis - July 16, 2023 at 04:56 AM

BT

“ *Deb and Boys I'm sorry to hear about Rocky, but at least he's not suffering anymore. Cherish all your Memories hold them close! I know I have a lot of memories from growing up across the alley.  
RIP Rocky!*



Becky Tipton - July 15, 2023 at 09:38 PM

BP

“ *Brittany Samuel Persons lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



Brittany Samuel Persons - July 15, 2023 at 09:31 PM

LD

“ *Linda Deines lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



Linda Deines - July 15, 2023 at 08:55 PM

AS

“ Anita Spencer lit a candle in memory of  
Rockie Shoopman



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Anita Spencer - July 15, 2023 at 05:51 PM

LF

“ Linda Frank lit a candle in memory of Rockie  
Shoopman



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Linda Frank - July 15, 2023 at 05:05 PM

PH

“ Pere Hathaway lit a candle in memory of  
Rockie Shoopman



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Pere Hathaway - July 15, 2023 at 05:02 PM

DD

“ Dan Donna Dobson lit a candle in memory of  
Rockie Shoopman



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Dan and Donna Dobson - July 15, 2023 at 04:32 PM

SC

“ *Sherry Arvid Corneliusen lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



Sherry and Arvid Corneliusen - July 15, 2023 at 04:28 PM

MG

“ *Marlene Gehnert lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



Marlene Gehnert - July 15, 2023 at 03:39 PM

RA

“ *Rolly Barb Anvik lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



Rolly and Barb Anvik - July 15, 2023 at 03:06 PM

CE

“ *Curt Erhardt lit a candle in memory of Rockie Shoopman*



Curt Erhardt - July 15, 2023 at 02:40 PM

CH

“ Carol Hanson lit a candle in memory of  
Rockie Shoopman



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**Carol Chouinard Hanson** - July 15, 2023 at 01:21 PM

LU

“ LuAnn lit a candle in memory of Rockie  
Shoopman



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**LuAnn** - July 15, 2023 at 12:59 PM

KP

“ No words and express the loss of a loved  
one. Our thoughts and prayers...



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**Kelly & Ginger Pulse** - July 15, 2023 at 12:22 PM