



Rodney Lawrence Sturgis

June 8, 1943 - June 24, 2020

Rodney (77) passed away at home surrounded by his family on June 24th, 2020 after a long battle with cancer.

Born to parents Lawrence and Florence (Mitchell) Sturgis on June 8, 1943 in Glendive, MT.

He married Carolyn Gayle Harkins on May 27, 1963 in Glendive, MT. They have three children; Jonathan Sturgis of Kingston, NH; Joy Gaffke of Billings, MT; and Jolene Itami of Portland, OR.

Rodney attended grade school at a country rural school near his home on Burns Creek. He attended Dawson County High School in Glendive, MT. He worked road construction at various locations in Montana before working in the oil fields with Mitchell's Oilfield Service for approximately 15 years all while running and maintaining the ranch on Burns Creek in Savage, MT.

He had a great love for the ranch and its' beautiful setting in the badlands. He enjoyed the ranch lifestyle and all the critters that came with it; cows, horses, dogs, cats etc. He raised registered Black Angus cattle for 57 years and took pride in his herd. He got to live doing what he loved most, ranching.

He was preceded in death by his parents Lawrence and Florence Sturgis.

He is survived by his wife Gayle and their three children; Jon (Kiok Lian), Joy (Tony), and Jolene (Timothy) Four grandchildren; Johanna (Mac) Nelson; Daniel (Krishell) Gaffke, Jessie Gaffke and Ivan Sturgis. Four sisters; Christy (Bob) Hostetler, Verna (Lee) Hostetler, Lorraine (Lyle) Hostetler, Kathi (Larry) Melton. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, June 30th, 2020 at 11am at the Glendive Assembly of God Church, 921 S Taylor Ave, Glendive MT. It will also be streamed live on YouTube at glendiveag.org.

Light refreshments immediately following at the Silha Funeral Home Tribute Center, 221 North Meade Ave., Glendive MT.

Graveside services will be at 2:00 pm at GRS Angus Ranch. 146 Road 530, Savage MT.

Silha Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Assembly of God Church
921 South Taylor Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ Rodney Lawrence Sturgis

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ The good book says “I am the resurrection, and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:” I know that Uncle Rodney believed, so he lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this period of sorrow. God bless, with all our love Sharyl (niece) and Major Stephen Vidaurri (Ret)`



Stephen & Sharyl Vidaurri - June 29, 2020 at 09:50 PM



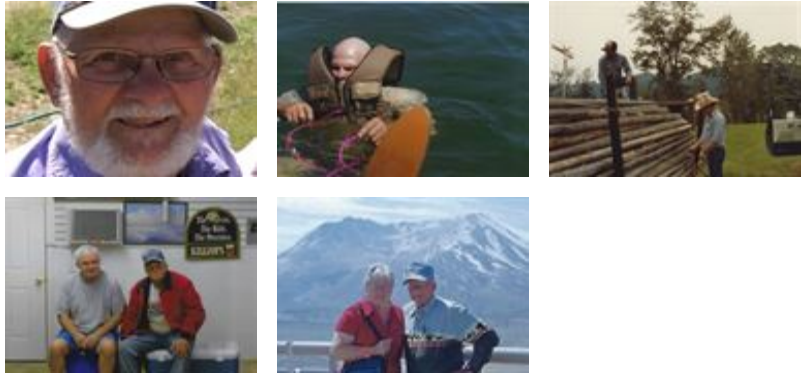
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Silha Funeral Home - June 29, 2020 at 03:14 PM



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Silha Funeral Home - June 29, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rodney Lawrence Sturgis.



June 29, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney Lawrence Sturgis.



June 29, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ i'm sorry for your loss aunt gayle . you are in our prayers . love you always sandy and tommy potts

sandra potts - June 29, 2020 at 09:49 AM

EV

“ Edward Vaira lit a candle in memory of Rodney Lawrence Sturgis



Edward Vaira - June 27, 2020 at 11:40 AM

VT

“ I treasure the visits we had with Rodney and you. Both of you were wonderful neighbors to me as a "newcomer". I know Eddy enjoyed the visits and the help with Rodney and his dog



Violet E Tharp - June 27, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Lawrence Sturgis.



June 27, 2020 at 02:26 AM

MN

“ Mary Norgard lit a candle in memory of Rodney Lawrence Sturgis



Mary Norgard - June 26, 2020 at 09:56 PM

DB

“ Don and Merrily Bobiney purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Rodney Lawrence Sturgis.



Don and Merrily Bobiney - June 26, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ Gayle and family,
I am sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lori Metcalf Hajek - June 26, 2020 at 07:09 PM

JS

“ Last time we spoke Rod told me of his health issues. Rod and I shared stories about our motorcycle times together. Fun times from a long time past! Last summer at the Gregg family reunion Don Klempel told of the heavy rain that fell near where the Eastern Montana Bible Camp is now. That flood had a devastating effect on the Sturgis family. Sorry to lose an old acquaintance.

Jim Squires - June 26, 2020 at 02:54 PM

DA

“ Dale lit a candle in memory of Rodney Lawrence Sturgis



Dale - June 26, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Lawrence Sturgis.*



June 26, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ *Gayle,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God grant you the extra strength and courage to navigate the days ahead.
My sympathies,
Darlene Strobel*

Darlene L Strobel - June 26, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Alice Brittian - June 25, 2020 at 11:39 PM