



## Stephen "Steve" Lee

August 12, 1951 - March 10, 2023

Stephen "Steve" Lee, age 71 of Glendive, Montana passed away on Friday, March 10, 2023 at his home in Glendive. A Vigil service will be held at 7:00 PM on Friday, March 17, 2023 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Francis Schreiber officiating. Rite of Committal with military honors will be in the Dawson County Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Steve was born on August 12, 1951 in Fosston, Minnesota to his parents, James and Emily (Peterson) Lee. Steve received his early education in Minnesota before the family moved to Glendive in 1963, where Steve finished his education graduating from Dawson County High School with the class of 1970. Following high school, Steve enlisted in the Montana National Guard where he served for six years until his honorable discharge. Steve began his career with the railroad in 1971 where he worked as a carmen. He continued this work for the next forty years until his retirement in 2011. Steve was united in marriage to Patricia "Patty" Knoll on November 13, 1971 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and to this union four children were born. Steve enjoyed fishing, woodworking, camping and playing cornhole. He liked watching birds and feeding them as well as photography. He was always willing to help anyone who needed help. Steve was a wonderful softball coach and loved the time spent with his family and grandkids.

Steve was a member of the Glendive Elks Lodge, the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and he was an Honorary Catholic Daughter (Patty forced him to help). He was preceded in death by his parents, his step-father, Joe McPherson; one son, Chad Lee and one brother, Fred Lee.

He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-one years, Patty Lee of Glendive; three children, Brandy Lee (Thomas Govert) of Burlington, North Dakota, Jerod Lee (Toni Schultz) of Billings, Montana and Kevin (Stephanie) Lee of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; ten grandchildren including Reis, Erica, Russell, London, Caine, Elias, Brooks, Braxton, Ellen, and Sadie; three brothers, Barry Lee of Roundup, Montana, Howard (Sharon) Lee of Menahga, Minnesota and Scott (Colleen) Lee of Billings 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 County Cemetery

Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard  
Street  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Previous Events

## Vigil Service

MAR 17. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

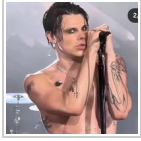
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## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Patty and family;  
Steve was one of a kind.  
A great man, incredible father to his kids,  
amazing husband, and a faithful friend.  
He will always be remembered.  
Prayers and Hugs  
Patty, if ever you need to talk...  
Kymber & Rayne Allen*



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**Kymberley Allen** - May 23 at 03:48 AM



“ *Patty and family, I'm so sorry to hear about Steve. You are in our  
thoughts and prayers. Love to all of you.*

*Paula and Tom Alston*

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**Paula Knoll Alston** - March 22, 2023 at 08:26 PM



“ *dorothy Zabrocki lit a candle in memory of  
Stephen "Steve" Lee*



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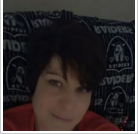
**dorothy Zabrocki** - March 19, 2023 at 12:20 PM

LZ

“ *Patty, so very sorry to hear about Steve this evening. Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and with your family*  
*Love & prayers*  
*Larry and Dorothy*

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**Larry & Dorothy Zabrocki** - March 18, 2023 at 10:01 PM



“ *Bobbie Becker lit a candle in memory of*  
*Stephen "Steve" Lee*



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**Bobbie Becker** - March 18, 2023 at 04:01 PM

CM

“ *I doubt that there is a Rail (railroader) from Dickinson, Glendive , Sidney and maybe Forsyth that wasn't the recipient of Steve's smile. That is what he will always be remembered by. I of course new him from the Car shops and also on the Wrecker crews that cleaned up derailments on the railroad. He helped clean up a one or two of my .....well that is another story. Rest in peace, Steve, I can still see you smiling- don't ever lose that-Chuck McMillan*

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**Chuck McMillan** - March 17, 2023 at 11:34 PM

LO

*Patty, I am so sorry that you are going through this. Let your children love on you and push you through life for the next few months. That's all that's saving me right now in the widows club we have joined. Miss you know what you're going through and wish you weren't. Love, Laurie.*

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**Laurie Olson** - March 22, 2023 at 09:18 PM

RD

“ Patti and the Lee family I sit here writing this with great sorrow. I not only worked with Steve but went fishing and had the trailer next to theirs up at Rock Creek. Spent countless hours trapping minnows when we could and fished as often as we could, not always popular with anyone but us. I grew up with ALL of you and will miss that smile as much as anyone. God please take care of my friend Steve.

Ron Dye - March 17, 2023 at 02:26 AM

MJ

“ Patti & family, so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He was one of the best. Hugs & prayers to all of you. Ralph & Micki Jimison, & Jason too.



Micki Jimison - March 16, 2023 at 09:43 PM

SS

“ So sorry for all's loss. He was a very kind mellow man. Thinking of U Patty



Sue Nentwig Schwindt - March 16, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Stephen "Steve" Lee.



March 16, 2023 at 12:51 AM



“ *Patti and family-  
I am so sorry to hear that Steve passed. He was a super guy always stopped to say Hi when I saw him at work. He just always had that smile! Hold your memories close. God gained another angel.. My deepest condolences - hugs and prayers.*

Sharon Wetsch - March 15, 2023 at 04:31 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen "Steve" Lee.*



March 15, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ *I'm thinking of all Steve's family. Memories will help get you through this sad time.*



Janette Legato - March 14, 2023 at 11:38 PM



“ *Patty and Family, Steve was an amazing man...to know him is to love him!*



Jim and Donna Latka Stanfill - March 14, 2023 at 07:26 PM

JH

“ To his brother, Scott. My condolences to you and the rest of your family on the loss of your brother. You were my classmate, Scott, and it sounds like Steve would have been my brother's classmate. May you all be blessed with great memories to share with each other.

Jo Anne (JoJo) Jonutis Herem - March 14, 2023 at 04:52 PM

BB

“ Brandy and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Barbara Bender Brown - March 14, 2023 at 04:18 PM

ET

“ Patti and families of Steve; Ed and I are so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Steve was a very special person and friend to all who knew him . He will be missed.



ED and Noreen Turnquist - March 14, 2023 at 04:08 PM

RB

“ When I first met Steve he was but a lad, a sweet boy. His Mom, Jean, worked with me at MDU. My deepest sympathy & condolences to Patty & their family, as well as to Barry, Howard & Scott.

Rosemary Hardesty Baldwin - March 14, 2023 at 01:12 PM

RV

“ *Brandy and Family,  
Hold tight to all the good memories. Prayers  
for you and your family during this difficult  
time.*



Roxanne Vendsel - March 14, 2023 at 12:06 PM

DL

“ *Patty and family. Lib and I miss Steve already. His always happy  
voice and so many memories from 50 years ago will remain with us  
forever. We will forever hold him dear to our heart. Be strong and  
God be with you.*

Dennis & Libby - March 14, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of  
Stephen "Steve" Lee.*



March 14, 2023 at 10:19 AM

KR

“ *Patty & family and also his brothers and their families: Steve will be  
missed by all of us who knew him. He was quick to help & I know  
Dan appreciated having him as a friend.*

Kris Ruddy - March 14, 2023 at 07:46 AM

GK

“ *Thoughts and Prayers*



Gerhard Kron - March 14, 2023 at 07:26 AM

DB

“ *My condolences to the family and friends of Steve Lee. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I remember him from the railroad as that is where I met him as I also worked there.*



Denise Borotrager - March 14, 2023 at 04:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen "Steve" Lee.*



March 13, 2023 at 10:45 PM

LM

“ *Steve always had a smile and a chuckle in his voice. Great guy. Been praying for you all.*

Lorraine Malone - March 13, 2023 at 09:54 PM

CP

“ *Condolences to all of Steve's family. Cherish all the many fond memories.*

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**CHERISE PATTERSON** - March 13, 2023 at 07:55 PM

MK

“ *Mary Kutzler lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Lee*



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**Mary Kutzler** - March 13, 2023 at 06:46 PM

BS

“ *Thoughts and prayers reach out to the family of Steve Lee*



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**Betty Shearer** - March 13, 2023 at 06:08 PM

BJ

“ *Patti, Bob and I are so sorry about Steve. He always had a smile on him. We won't be able to attend his service but know that your are on our minds and in our prayers.*

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**Bob and Dixie Justice** - March 13, 2023 at 05:14 PM

DV

“ *Patty, Brandy, Jerod, Kevin and all family, So sorry for your loss 😭 Everyone who had the privilege to know Steve, had a friend who would help them in a heartbeat. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time 🙏🏻✝️*  
*🙏🏻 Dear Jesus, please hold the Lee family in your loving arms.*



Deb Pete Vogel - March 13, 2023 at 05:11 PM

SB

“ *Patti and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Steve was an amazing guy and will be so very missed! 💔*

Sherri amd Brad - March 13, 2023 at 02:36 PM

DD

“ *So very sorry Patty and family for your loss.*



Daryl and Betty Lou Dekaye - March 13, 2023 at 02:29 PM

ST

“ *Patti, Brandy, Jarod and KevinAnd their families.*



Stacey - March 13, 2023 at 02:22 PM

RD

“ *Ron Doll lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Lee*



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**Ron MJ Doll** - March 13, 2023 at 01:51 PM

JB

“ *jim alice bachmeier lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Lee*



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**jim and alice bachmeier** - March 13, 2023 at 12:36 PM

DD

“ *Dan Donna Dobson lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Lee*



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**Dan & Donna Dobson** - March 13, 2023 at 12:26 PM

DP

“ *Patti, Brandy, Jarod and Kevin, You are in our hearts and prayers and we love you all. We were so blessed to have Steve as our nephew. May God watch over all of you and may he rest in peace. He will be greatly missed.*

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**dennis peterson** - March 13, 2023 at 12:18 PM

RO

“ Ray Mary Ann ODonnell lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Lee



Ray and Mary Ann ODonnell - March 13, 2023 at 12:13 PM

GE

“ Grace Evinrude lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Lee



Grace Koffler Evinrude - March 13, 2023 at 12:01 PM

RB

“ Rick Karen Berg lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Lee



Rick and Karen Berg - March 13, 2023 at 10:19 AM

TR

“ Tracey Terry lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Lee



Tracey and Terry Rod - March 13, 2023 at 10:10 AM

SS

“ *Patty Im so sorry for your loss. Hugs to U an All the family*



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**Sue Nentwig Schwindt** - March 13, 2023 at 10:09 AM

BP

“ *Patty and family, we are so sorry for your loss. It was such an honor to have known Steve and to have gotten to spend the time with him that we did. He will forever be in our hearts and prayers. Deepest sympathy Sam, Brittany, Madi, Momo, and Matt Persons*

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**Brittany Samuel Persons** - March 13, 2023 at 08:56 AM

RG

“ *Patti so sorry for the loss of Stephen ,prayers to you and all of your family.*

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**Renee and Gary** - March 13, 2023 at 08:14 AM

NK

“ *Patty,Brandy and family we are so sorry for your loss and will keep you in our thoughts and thoughts. Steve was like a second dad to Crystal and will be missed greatly.*



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**Noren and Karen** - March 13, 2023 at 05:28 AM

JJ

“ *jane jarvis lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Lee*



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**jane jarvis** - March 12, 2023 at 10:46 PM

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“ *DCHS Class of 1969 lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Lee*



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**DCHS Class of 1969** - March 12, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Patty  
Sorry about your loss.  
Tyler Pust*

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**Tyler Pust** - March 12, 2023 at 07:48 PM

LD

“ *Linda Deines lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Lee*



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**Linda Deines** - March 12, 2023 at 07:45 PM

DC

“ *Diane Crockett sent a virtual gift in memory of Stephen "Steve" Lee*



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**Diane Crockett** - March 12, 2023 at 06:58 PM

JC

“ *Jack Crockett sent a virtual gift in memory of Stephen "Steve" Lee*



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**Jack Diane Crockett** - March 12, 2023 at 06:57 PM

DC

“ *Diane Crockett lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Lee*



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**Diane Crockett** - March 12, 2023 at 06:57 PM

RS

“ *Steve showed up to help us when we pulled up with the U Haul 23 years ago. He was there offering help countless times over the years. We would often talk in either yard, in the street, or yelling across the street. He is already missed.  
Rodney and Annie*

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**Rodney Schafer** - March 12, 2023 at 06:27 PM

NK

“ *Nancy Keller lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Lee*



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**Nancy Keller** - March 12, 2023 at 02:09 PM

AS

“ *Anita Spencer lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Lee*



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**Anita Spencer** - March 12, 2023 at 01:09 PM