

Steven Vern Oellermann

December 22, 1954 - May 20, 2026

Please note the change in visitation and service dates

Steven Vern Oellermann, beloved father, grandfather, family member, and friend, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on May 20, 2026, at GMC Extended Care. He was 71 years old. In the weeks prior to his passing, CT and MRI imaging revealed a brain mass that contributed to his declining health alongside the challenges he had long faced from Parkinson's disease. Visitation will be held at Silha Funeral Home in Glendive on Friday, May 29, 2026 from 6:00PM until 8:00PM. Funeral services will be on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 10:00AM at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Greg Lucido officiating.

Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Steve was born in Glendive on December 22, 1954. He was raised on the family farm near Bloomfield during his youth. He graduated from DCHS in 1973 and furthered his education at Dunwoody Industrial Institute in Minneapolis, earning a degree in Refrigeration and Appliance Repair. Steve married his sweetheart, Nila Patterson, in 1981. They welcomed two sons in 1985 and 1987. He enjoyed maintaining the farm and loved spending as much time as he could out there making memories with his family. Steve was a

hardworking provider who took pride in his work throughout his life. For many years, he was self-employed as an appliance repairman, earning the trust of countless customers through his skill, honesty, and ability to fix what others could not. Later in his career, he worked for the railroad as an electrician, where his strong work ethic continued to serve him well.

Steve enjoyed his retired years by starting his mornings with coffee and good company at the Bloom & Vine and spending many afternoons at YRI, where he formed friendships and enjoyed being part of the community. After losing the ability to drive, he embraced riding his e-trike, enjoying the independence and adventure it provided. He also loved cooking and took pride in working on his old car, always appreciating the satisfaction of a project completed with his own hands. A highlight in Steve's life was becoming a grandfather. To some of his grandchildren, he was affectionately known as "Pawka," a title he cherished with honor.

Following the loss of his beloved wife, Nila, in 2014, Steve began a difficult journey with Parkinson's disease. For more than a decade, he faced the challenges of the disease with remarkable courage. Despite countless physical and mental hardships and decline, Steve persevered with strength, resilience, and determination. He endured many difficult days, yet continued to move forward with the heart of a fighter, inspiring those around him through his example.

Steve was blessed by the support and frequent companionship of his best friend, Tim Christianson. Their friendship provided comfort, laughter, and encouragement, and Tim's presence became an invaluable part of Steve's life. The Oellermann family is deeply grateful for the kindness and devotion Tim has shown throughout their more than thirty years of friendship.

Steve was also profoundly grateful for the loving care of his daughter-in-law,

Heather, who put many aspects of her own life on hold to care for him full-time during the final months of his life. Her compassion, patience, and selflessness allowed Steve to remain surrounded by family and dignity during a difficult chapter of his journey.

One of the most meaningful chapters of Steve's final years was the opportunity to build a home alongside his son, Matt, his best friend, Tim, and grandson, Adler. Constructed with the purpose of helping care for Steve as his needs increased, the project became far more than a house—it became a lasting symbol of family, love, and time spent together. Despite the challenges he faced, Steve took pride in standing its walls, helping the home take shape and in contributing anywhere he could. The memories created during the construction of a permanent structure built side by side with each other will remain a treasured reminder of him always. Every room, wall, and detail stands as a testament to the bond they shared and the legacy he leaves behind.

Steve was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Nila Oellermann; his parents, Vernon and LaVerne Oellermann; his sister-in-law, Deanette Oellermann; and his cherished nephew, Kevin Oellermann.

He is survived by his sons, Matt (Heather) Oellermann and Mike (Shauna) Oellermann; his 3 brothers Dean Oellermann, Stuart (Manuella) Oellermann and Doug (Sharon) Oellermann; his six treasured grandchildren; nieces and nephew; and many extended family members and friends who miss him dearly.

Steve will be remembered for his humor, perseverance, love for family, appreciation for friendship, and the quiet strength he displayed throughout life's greatest challenges. While Parkinson's may have taken much from him, it never took away his determination or the love he held for those closest to

him.

His family finds comfort in knowing that his struggles have ended and that he is reunited with his wife and loved ones who have gone before him. His memory, the example he set, and the perseverance he demonstrated throughout his life will remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."
— 2 Timothy 4:7

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
221 N. Meade Avenue
P.O. Box 848
Glendive, MT 59330
(406) 377-2622
silha@midrivers.com
<https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Savior Lutheran Church
322 North River Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall

TC

“ *Friends are forever, you may lose one but you will never forget.
Miss you buddy!!!
Tim*

Tim Christianson - May 30 at 10:07 AM

JG

“ *So sorry about your losses. Two family members at one time. It's
got to be hard. I knew Steve through his business. He did some
repair for me.
We would say hi and wave to one another.
God bless the families.*

Jerry Glaser - May 29 at 07:14 PM

AG

“ *Arlene Gieser sent a virtual gift in memory of
Steven Oellermann*



Arlene Gieser - May 28 at 12:45 PM

DZ

“ *I'll miss seeing Steve out and about. We
always had fun catching up! His gentle spirit
will be missed!*



Don and Penny Zimmerman - May 28 at 12:43 PM

BA

“ *Barb Anvik lit a candle in memory of Steven Oellermann*



Barb Anvik - May 28 at 10:54 AM

BM

“ *Brenda Mischel lit a candle in memory of Steven Oellermann*



Brenda Mischel - May 28 at 10:27 AM

PR

“ *Remembering Steve from our Bloomfield roots, his brothers and parents. He was a good guy. Sending my sincere condolences!*

Pat Tillman Reynolds - May 28 at 09:35 AM

LG

“ *Laura Glueckert lit a candle in memory of Steven Oellermann*



Laura Glueckert - May 28 at 09:15 AM

AE

“ I was saddened to learn of Steve's passing. We grew up across the street from one another and he was one of my closest friends in high school. We almost always made the trek home from DCHS together at the end of the day. I was a visitor to the family farm near Bloomfield on numerous occasions and would periodically help out on the farm. I still remember looking for arrow heads together at a buffalo jump on or near their farm. He was also one of the groomsmen in our wedding 50 years ago. He was what a true friend was meant to be. My condolences to the family. Allen Entzel

Allen Entzel - May 27 at 08:31 PM

DJ

“ I have known Steve and Nila for many years. I did several different things with Steve on the board at Badlands Credit Union. He will be missed by many.



Dixie and Bob Justice - May 27 at 11:48 AM

NK

“ You fought the good fight.



Nancy Korb - May 26 at 10:20 AM

BF

“ Board and Staff of Badlands FCU. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Steven Vern Oellermann.



Board and Staff of Badlands FCU. - May 25 at 09:58 PM

BF

“ Board and Staff of Badlands FCU. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Vern Oellermann.

Board and Staff of Badlands FCU. - May 25 at 09:58 PM

BK

“ Bea Koppinger lit a candle in memory of Steven Oellermann



Bea Koppinger - May 25 at 02:58 PM

JB

“ Jim and Alice Bachmeier lit a candle in memory of Steven Oellermann



Jim and Alice Bachmeier - May 25 at 02:29 PM

PL

“ Pam Lewis lit a candle in memory of Steven Oellermann



Pam Lewis - May 24 at 09:08 PM

SM

“ Condolences to Mike and Matt. I enjoyed both their parents. Steve was a good man.

Steve Merrill - May 24 at 11:04 AM

GK

“ Grace Koffler lit a candle in memory of Steven Oellermann



Grace Koffler - May 24 at 05:58 AM

MW

“ Mark and Sheryl Walsh lit a candle in memory of Steven Oellermann



Mark and Sheryl Walsh - May 24 at 12:56 AM

WO

“ Steve, a wonderful person in so many ways. Our prayers are directed to Michael & Matthew Oellermann.



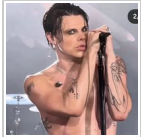
Wayne & Rosanne Ogden - May 23 at 04:11 PM

SF

“ Stuart, Manuela & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Steven Vern Oellermann.



Stuart, Manuela & Family - May 23 at 03:34 PM



“ Kimberley Allen lit a candle in memory of Steven Oellermann



Kymerley Allen - May 23 at 02:49 AM

GP

“ Our thoughts and prayers to all!



Ginger & Kelly Pulse - May 22 at 09:34 PM

BT

“ Steve's Family I'm so sorry to learn of your loss. I went to school with Nyla so I didn't know Steve well. Sounds like he made the out of his last days. Cherish your Memories hold them close?
Becky (Chouinard) Tipton



Becky Tipton - May 22 at 07:58 PM

CP

“ So sorry to hear of Steve's passing, but glad he's not longer suffering! He fought a very hard battle for years. I miss seeing him when we happened to meet on our walks, simple chats, but was good to see him. Cherish those many fond memories you have of him. Condolences.

Cherise Patterson - May 22 at 07:21 PM

DZ

Don and I send sincere condolences to Steve's family. I always enjoyed seeing him out and about. A nice smile and greeting each time we crossed paths. RIP Steve. You deserve it.

Don and Penny Zimmerman - May 24 at 08:00 PM



“ Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of Steven Oellermann



Andeen Raymond - May 22 at 03:59 PM

JL

“ You will be missed Steve. My condolences to his family.



Janette Legato - May 22 at 02:29 PM

MC

“ Monica Christianson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Steven Vern Oellermann.



Monica Christianson - May 22 at 01:34 PM

MC

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Monica Christianson - May 22 at 01:34 PM

NS

“ Norma Shearer lit a candle in memory of Steven Oellermann



Norma Shearer - May 22 at 12:21 PM

TK

“ *Stevie, always an awesome buddy..May your Spirit live on forever and your Light always shine Bright!!, See you on the other side, my friend!,*



TERRY & DEB KNAPP - May 22 at 11:04 AM

WM

“ *Walter M McKeen lit a candle in memory of Steven Oellermann*



Walter M McKeen - May 22 at 10:22 AM

DB

“ *My condolences to the family and friends of Steven Oellermann during this difficult time. Prayers to all.*



Denise Borotrager - May 22 at 03:02 AM

MM

“ *Marla McCormick lit a candle in memory of Steven Oellermann*



Marla McCormick - May 21 at 09:17 PM

RD

“ *Rest in peace Steve
Ron MJ Doll*



Ron Mj Doll - May 21 at 08:32 PM

LD

“ *Linda R Deines lit a candle in memory of
Steven Oellermann*



Linda R Deines - May 21 at 08:29 PM

DO

“ *Steve was the best brother ever. I am going to miss him so much.
RIP Steve 🙏*

Dean Oellermannn - May 21 at 07:06 PM