



## Steven Byard Patterson

August 8, 1950 - January 15, 2024

Steven (Steve) Byard Patterson, "Shag," passed away in Glendive, Montana on January 15th, 2024, at the age of 73, after a three week stay with Hospice care. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM with Life Tribute services beginning at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Celebrant Heidi Carney officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Steve was born to parents Arlan and Virginia Patterson on August 8th, 1950 in Havre, MT. When Steve was a year old, the family moved to Glendive to live in the house that his dad and grandpa built. He attended Washington School and DCHS as well as catechism classes at Sacred Heart. Steve learned many skills and life lessons. Some were easy to come by, some not so easy. He learned what family was while growing up with his three younger sisters, Arla (Kerry) Culver, Cathy (Ken) Siderius and Julie Taylor, all of Kalispell, Montana. He learned right from wrong and even did a little time at the Home on the Range youth home. He spent his young years playing at the motel his grandparents had built and owned, the Rock Log Lodge, playing at the park, swimming in the new pool, exploring the creek and the river banks. At 9 years old, his dad and grandpa, Pop, built the 4th cabin at Hell Creek. This was the beginning of early morning and evening fishing, as well as swimming and water skiing at the lake.

In 1968, Steve left home and married Betty Mueller. This union brought four

children; Todd Patterson of AR, Scott Mueller of NV, Jason (Judy) Mueller of AR and Christina (Rob) Simon of Dickinson, ND.

In 1976, Steve met Sandy Oster, while working in Dickinson, ND. They married in 1978 and made their home in Glendive, Montana. Sandy was Steve's everything for all 38 years of their marriage and continued to be after her passing in 2016.

After 35 years with the Burlington Northern railroad as a brakeman, Steve retired. He spent much of his free time throughout the years refinishing antiques with his dad, a skill learned from both his dad and his grandfather. Furniture was brought to the family shop by friends and family to be restored by the Pattersons, and they loved bringing new life to every piece they refinished or built.

Steve loved working in his garden, sharing popsicles with neighborhood children that lovingly called him Santa Claus; and traveling to Kalispell every fall with his friend, Richard (Dick) Clingingsmith, to take in the apple smashing events with his sisters, something he and Sandy had done for years together. He loved sharing treats and homemade goodies during the holidays and had enlisted the help of dear friend, Kelsi Nellermore and her children, Torren, Drew and Demi, his honorary grandchildren. He joined the Nellermore and Clingingsmith families for many holidays and special events. Both families made certain he made it to appointments, grocery shopping and other errands through the past few years and most always finished their outings with a trip to The Beer Jug for lunch as a thank you. Their friendship and kindness can never be repaid, however, it will always be remembered.

Steve looked forward to Tuesday evenings at his home, when friends of his and Sandy's would still gather to play Zilch. It was his opportunity to stay in touch with Sandy's memory and their friends. He enjoyed this time and the fun and conversation that each Tuesday evening brought.

Summertime for Steve meant gardening and Walleye season. Family friends, Dan and Laurel Dassinger, made sure he stayed stocked with fish with their unique bartering system of trading sister Cathy's homemade Gandy Dancer

Pepper, in exchange for a portion of Dan's summer full of hardwork catching walleye, that Steve would take on the annual trip to Kalispell for the apple smashing, where Steve was the cook for the annual fish fry.

Steve is survived by his sisters, children, grandchildren; Kimberleigh (husband Colby, daughters Paisleigh & Maisie) Gaylord of Wyoming, Randy Mueller of Wyoming, Megan (Kayd) Adair and Brayden Simon of North Dakota.

Nephews Nathan Culver, Noah and son, Caidan Culver, Nyles and son Ryder Culver, Phillip Roney Taylor all of Kalispell, Montana and Cole Taylor of Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents and wife, Sandy and grandson, Scottie Mueller of Wyoming.

A special thank you to the Hospice and nursing staff at GMC for their time and care during Steve's stay.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Steve's name to the Home on the Range youth home. Though his stay there was short, it made a huge impact on his life and he has continued to support them throughout the years.

Remembrances and condolences can 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

## Visitation

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana  
221 N. Meade Avenue  
P.O. Box 848  
Glendive, MT 59330  
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## Life Tribute Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Steven Patterson at this difficult time. I use to work with him on the BNSF Railroad. Hugs to everyone



Denise Borotrager - February 01, 2024 at 08:43 PM

MK

“ Steve and I had great times making wooden bowls and anything else that would turn on the lathe. When he introduced his family to me, they felt like my family. RIP my friend.



Michael Klaudt - January 23, 2024 at 08:01 AM

AC

Thank you Mike. You were a wonderful friend to Steve and he so enjoyed working with you. He is missed and loved.

Arla Patterson Culver - February 10, 2024 at 03:28 AM

CO

“ Carla O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Byard Patterson.

Carla O. - January 20, 2024 at 12:58 PM

MP

“ Shag!!! You left us in an instant but your memory lives forever in our hearts!!! God Bless You!!! M.A.P.

Michael Peel - January 19, 2024 at 05:42 AM

YS

“ Your friends at Steffes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Byard Patterson.

Your friends at Steffes - January 18, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven Byard Patterson.



January 18, 2024 at 03:10 PM

BT

“ Becky Tipton lit a candle in memory of Steven Patterson



Becky Tipton - January 18, 2024 at 02:40 PM

MD

“ MJ Doll lit a candle in memory of Steven Patterson



MJ Ron Doll - January 18, 2024 at 01:06 PM

RP

“ roger post planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Byard Patterson.

roger post - January 17, 2024 at 10:12 PM

RP

“ roger post purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Steven Byard Patterson.



roger post - January 17, 2024 at 10:12 PM

DC

“ Diane Crockett lit a candle in memory of Steven Patterson



Diane /Jack Crockett - January 17, 2024 at 12:51 PM

TK

“ Goofed that post, Misspelled Rick Box....Steve hope You are ridin with em now!!

Terry Knapp - January 17, 2024 at 11:32 AM

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“ DCHS of 1969 sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven Patterson



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**DCHS Class of 1969** - January 17, 2024 at 11:01 AM

TK

“ To the Patterson family..Deb and I will truly miss Steve..I've known him for over 50 years..we had a blast in the ole Bike club here and lots of crazy experiences in Sturgis!!! Hope he made up in the sky to see Sandy again..and ride Harleys again with his good friend Rock. Steve's light will always Shine Bright..because that was who he really was..a 1 of a kind Friend!!



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**Terry Knapp** - January 17, 2024 at 10:03 AM

DZ

“ Our sincere condolences to Steve's family. Don enjoyed being raised with the Patterson kids right next door! We will miss seeing him around town. Hugs.



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**Don and Penny Zimmerman** - January 16, 2024 at 08:13 PM

GS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Steve's family. Steve's was a great neighbor! He shared his garden tomatoes, homemade spaghetti sauce, his specialty drinks and his great tasting cracker cheese spread at Christmas time. Our little neighbor girl Harper loved helping him pick tomatoes, and stopping over to get one of his frozen freeze pops in the summer and she always called him Santa! He got a kick out of that! You will be missed Steve...  
Neighbors and friends,  
Gordy and Judy Schmitt

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**Gordy and Judy Schmitt** - January 16, 2024 at 06:18 PM

RA

“ Arla and Cathy and families.  
I enjoyed working on the RR with Shag, and your Dad too over my 35 years at the BNSF. Steve and I visited many times over the years about Glendive and having grown up as kids that had the motel for a home experience. About his days as a biker, and the beautiful woodworking and restorations he did. I am proud to still own a couple he did for me. A 1938 Philco shortwave Radio/Phonograph that I inherited from my folks was in need of some love, and Shag was the only one I trusted to bring it back to life. It was my parent first new piece of furniture that they bought after getting married in 1938. They listened to WW II on it. RIP Buddy... Rolly



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**Rolly and Barb Anvik** - January 16, 2024 at 04:41 PM

AW

*Rolly, I have several pieces that I had Steve finish for me. I was perfectly capable but he was far more superior. He was always so happy to visit & share his knowledge when I picked up the piece.*

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**Arnell Wagner** - January 17, 2024 at 08:16 PM

SK

*I have wonderful memories of you, Steve, and admired you being such a good father even though you were young. You proved to be far beyond your years to handle such a responsibility. Your warm and kind heart through all these years was evident of this. May God hold you in His arms as you are welcomed home. 🌸*

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**Sheila Kunick** - January 19, 2024 at 09:28 AM