



Theodore Edward Sell

August 3, 1929 - December 23, 2017

Theodore Edward Sell, age 88 of Glendive, Montana passed away on Saturday, December 23, 2017 at his home surrounded by his family. A memorial service with military honors will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 28, 2017 at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Ted was born on August 3, 1929 to Henry and Edna (Wilhelm) Sell in Glendive. As a young child he lived on the family homestead nine miles east of Circle, Montana before they moved to the farm two miles east of Lindsay, Montana. Ted received his early education at the Lindsay School through eighth grade and continued his education at Dawson County High School in Glendive where he graduated with the class of 1947. Following high school, Ted enlisted in the United States Navy where he served on the USS Chatterer AMS 40 doing minesweeper duties in Korea. After four years of service Ted was given an honorable discharge and returned to Glendive where he went to work for the 1st National Bank as a teller. He later continued his education, graduating from the Graduate School of Banking in Madison, Wisconsin in 1970 and later the Senior Bank Officers School at Harvard in Boston, Massachusetts in 1978. Ted continued his banking career for thirty-five years until he retired in October of 1989 as Executive Vice President. Ted began his next career as a real estate agent for Badlands Reality which he enjoyed for ten years when he retired for the last time.

Ted was united in marriage to Ardis Rufsvold on July 5, 1955 and to this union four children were born, this marriage later ended in divorce. On October 11, 1987, Ted was united in marriage to Barbara Lee and they remained happily married for the next thirty years until the time of his passing.

Ted enjoyed gardening and sharing his harvest with his family and friends as well as fishing with them at their cabin in Fort Peck, Montana. Ted loved his family and cherished the time he spent with his children and grandchildren.

Ted was a member of the Elks, Jaycees, Lions, Toastmasters and had served on the Glendive Elementary School Board for twenty years.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents, nine brothers, Kenneth, Havard, Roy, Harold, Alfred, Winfred, Raymond, Duane and Paul; three sisters, Francis, Irene and Eunice; two step grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Ted is survived by his wife Barbara of Glendive, three daughters, Greta (Eric) Beam of Billings, Montana and their children Megan and Mark, Geri (Pat) Cullinan of Glendive and their sons, Brian and Bryce and Gwenna Peters of Billings and her daughters, Katy and Pam; one son, Geoffery (Jackie) Sell of Pinedale, Wyoming and their children, Gerald and Bobbi; two step daughters, Sharon Meeds of Belle Plaine, Minnesota and her son Kevin and Karen (James) Sefton of Seward, Alaska and their daughter Kelley; nine great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Ted's name are suggested to the Glendive Medical Center Home Care/Hospice.

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **28**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Zion Lutheran Church
401 Riverview Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ Theodore Edward Sell

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ Hunt Family lit a candle in memory of Theodore Edward Sell



Hunt Family - January 01, 2018 at 11:45 AM



“ Keith And Donna Nelson lit a candle in memory of Theodore Edward Sell



Keith and Donna Nelson - December 30, 2017 at 03:57 PM



“ Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Theodore Edward Sell



Denise Stoddart - December 29, 2017 at 01:35 AM

BP

“ *Butch, Cheryl, Keith and Melissa Porcaro purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Theodore Edward Sell.*



Butch, Cheryl, Keith and Melissa Porcaro - December 28, 2017 at 07:58 AM

LM

“ *Loretta McDanold Miller lit a candle in memory of Theodore Edward Sell*



Loretta McDanold Miller - December 27, 2017 at 09:53 AM

TH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my sincere sympathy.*

Tammy Helmuth - December 27, 2017 at 09:48 AM

TD

“ *Geri and family- Sorry to here of the loss of your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*



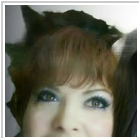
Tammy Dey - December 26, 2017 at 11:33 AM

MW

“ *Mark And Sheryl Walsh lit a candle in memory of Theodore Edward Sell*



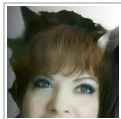
Mark and Sheryl Walsh - December 26, 2017 at 09:29 AM



“ *Kymber Allen lit a candle in memory of Theodore Edward Sell*



Kymber Allen - December 26, 2017 at 06:51 AM



Grandma's last child to go on to greet her. Rest well in Heaven, Uncle Ted. Sending Prayers.

Kymber Allen - December 26, 2017 at 06:57 AM

Jeanne Loberg

“ *Geri, so sorry to hear about your Dad. It is always hard to lose someone we love but especially hard at Christmas. Keeping you all in my prayers*

Jeanne Loberg - December 25, 2017 at 02:16 PM

BT

“ *Ted's Family, I'm so sorry for your loss! Cherish your Memories! Becky (Chouinard)Tipton*

Becky Tipton - December 24, 2017 at 11:16 PM

CE

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss. Sending prayers.



Charlotte Egeness - December 24, 2017 at 01:53 PM

GA

“ Gayle lit a candle in memory of Theodore Edward Sell



Gayle - December 24, 2017 at 09:50 AM

KH

“ Keith And Andy Huschka sent a virtual gift in memory of Theodore Edward Sell



Keith and Andy Huschka - December 24, 2017 at 09:28 AM

BB

“ My memory of Ted comes through his daughter Gwenna. Gwenna loved her dad and spoke of him often--especially his garden and family stories from the lake. He was a special man to have raised such a wonderful daughter as Gwenna. He will live on in her.

barb beck - December 23, 2017 at 07:57 PM

LM

“ *Barbara and Family, We are so sorry to see of Ted's passing. We always enjoyed our visits at the lake. Keeping you all in our prayers. Sincerely, Gene & Leslie Micheletto*



Leslie Micheletto - December 23, 2017 at 06:42 PM

CL

“ *My friend, my friend. Rest In Peace my friend ! Forever memories of First National Bank, and all my life long great friends. Ted, you will be truly missed.*



Diane Crockett

Crockett Diane L. - December 23, 2017 at 06:42 PM

SR

*Dear Aunt Barb,
You and all the family are in my heart and prayers. I will have a Mass said for Uncle Ted. I have many wonderful loving memories of time spent with all of you that I thank GOD for. What a wonderful Uncle he was and extra special to me as he was my Godfather. Rest in Christ's Peace Uncle Ted until we meet again.
All my LOVE
Susan Rittal*

Susan Rittal - December 26, 2017 at 11:51 AM