



Theodore "Ted" Zinda

September 9, 1953 - March 30, 2025

Theodore (Ted) Roy Zinda, age 71, went to his heavenly home on March 30, 2025 in Sun City, AZ. He suffered a massive heart attack while taking a walk with his wife, Jean.

Ted was born September 9, 1953 in Beach, ND, the oldest son of William (Bill) Zinda and Beulah (Miller) Moe.

Ted attended St. Philip's school until 7th grade when he and his family moved into Wibaux. He graduated from Wibaux County High School in 1971 and continued his education at Billings Vo-tech where he received an associate's degree in welding.

Ted spent some of his growing up years at John and Gert Piesik's learning how to butcher and to work hard. He also enjoyed his time working for Harry Begger where he was treated as family.

Ted worked for Tuboscope, Noble Drilling and several other drilling rigs until he married Jean Marciniak on June 26, 1976 at St. Philip's Church. They moved to Patuxent River, Maryland where Jean was stationed in the Navy. While there Ted worked for Dean Construction, paving roads.

In 1977 they returned to Wibaux where Ted worked for a short time at the Wibaux Elevator and Burlington Northern Railroad. He later worked for S & M in Glendive and then Wibaux County Road Department for 22 years. The oilfield drew him back in when he worked for Nalco Chemical and D & M Solutions in Baker, MT.

He retired in 2019, but not really. He began driving the school bus after his

grandchildren begged him to be their bus driver. He enjoyed seeing his grandchildren and all of the other children who rode the bus. Driving the activity bus was a highlight for him. Ted also spent many hours helping Ron Efta put in his crop.

Ted was a wonderful provider for his family and generous with his time and resources; giving generously to his family, friends and those in need. He would give the shirt off his back and the boots on his feet if he knew someone needed them.

Ted was always painting something from houses to bridges. His biggest project being the Wibaux Bible Church where he attended faithfully for over 40 years. The Wibaux Garden Club depended on him to help with many community projects. The community of Wibaux won't be the same without him.

Ted is survived by his wife, Jean, his two sons, Troy of Wibaux, Scott (Nistosha) of Rosharon, TX and his daughter, Jenny (Austin) Domek of Wibaux; grandchildren Cy and Thor Domek of Wibaux, Zoella and Zyla Zinda of Rosharon, TX; his sister, Vicki Zinda of Green Valley, AZ, brother Lyle (Peggy) of Billings, MT; his brother-in-law, Stanley Marciniak of Wibaux; sisters-in-law, Elaine (Dan) Lorbiecke of Glendive, MT and Mary Ann (Pete) Score of Wibaux; 5 nieces, Lisa Lorbiecke, Tammy Durbin, Danielle Tucker, Melissa Dwyer, Nicole Zinda; 6 nephews, Tim Lorbiecke, David Lorbiecke, Richard Hoiland, Shad Zinda, Brian Zinda, Cody Zinda; step-brothers, Roger Kearnes and Roy Kearnes; and numerous friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bill Zinda, mother, Beulah Moe, step-mother, Emma (Kearnes) Zinda, granddaughter, Halle Hope Domek, nephew, Chris Hoiland, niece, Shannon Chamberlain, step-brother, Jerry Kearnes, and step-sister, Sharon Kearnes.

1 John 5:11-13.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wibaux Garden Club.

A Celebration of Ted's Life will be held at 3:00 PM, Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Wibaux High School Gymnasium with supper and fellowship to follow at

the Wibaux Fairgrounds. Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with arrangements.

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

Cemetery Details

Wibaux Cemetery

Wibaux, MT 59353

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 12. 3:00 PM (MT)

Wibaux High School Gymnasium
121 North F
Wibaux, MT 59353

Tribute Wall

HB

“ Thank you ted for all the bus rides. U ment alot to the Wibaux kid.

Huntare bourdon - April 23, 2025 at 09:01 AM

LH

“ Love Randy, Fallon, Karlie & Hayden purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Theodore "Ted" Zinda.



Love Randy, Fallon, Karlie & Hayden - April 10, 2025 at 06:37 PM

LH

“ Love Randy, Fallon, Karlie & Hayden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodore "Ted" Zinda.

Love Randy, Fallon, Karlie & Hayden - April 10, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Ted's passing. What a bright light he was for Wibaux! I worked with him for a stint at Nalco in 2012 and just enjoyed his banter and joyful demeanor. Prayers to all his family.

Brittany Hoversland - April 09, 2025 at 02:50 PM

RB

“ *Ren & Tammie Merry and Sharon Baird purchased the Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet for the family of Theodore "Ted" Zinda.*



Ren & Tammie Merry and Sharon Baird - April 07, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Zinda.*



April 07, 2025 at 03:30 PM

BE

“ *What a INCREDIBLE man who was such a wonderful host when we stayed in Wibaux. Ted will be greatly missed. ❤️❤️❤️*



Bernadette - April 06, 2025 at 10:19 PM



“ *"Papa Ted" made a big impression on us the first time we came to visit Wibaux! Ezra was always letting me know when he drove by in the side by side. We are so grateful for all the work he did on the parsonage.*



Annika Matthias - April 04, 2025 at 06:41 PM

JM

“ *Janet and Aaron Morgenstern purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Theodore "Ted" Zinda.*



Janet and Aaron Morgenstern - April 04, 2025 at 06:21 PM

CH

“ *Ted was such a great guy and we truly enjoyed our time working with him at D&M Solutions. We are so sorry for your loss. - Greg & Christina Gaub*



Christina - April 04, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ted was a wonderful guy and will be missed so much.



Kelly Hilzendager - April 04, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Zinda.



April 03, 2025 at 08:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Theodore "Ted" Zinda.

April 03, 2025 at 02:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Zinda.



April 03, 2025 at 02:16 PM

GS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families...we are so sorry for your loss. Ted had the biggest smile!

Gordy and Judy Schmitt - April 02, 2025 at 12:57 AM

DN

“ Jean & family, you're all in my thoughts & prayers. Ted was such a wonderful man who worked tirelessly for his family, his church & his community. His big smile & positive attitude will be missed by all who knew him. Cherish your memories & may God bring you comfort as you face tomorrow.

Diane Nelson - April 01, 2025 at 06:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Zinda.



April 01, 2025 at 01:59 PM

DF

“ Dwyer & Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Theodore "Ted" Zinda.



Dwyer & Family - April 01, 2025 at 12:33 PM

JO

“ Janel/Bud Ordahl lit a candle in memory of Theodore Zinda



Janel/Bud Ordahl - April 01, 2025 at 12:13 PM

RB

“ Rick and Karen Berg lit a candle in memory of Theodore Zinda



Rick and Karen Berg - April 01, 2025 at 12:10 PM

LK

“ Jean and family so sorry for your loss. I have so many memories of Ted. I will always remember his smile & how he always had a twinkle in his eyes especially when he was up to something. Troy Scott & Jenny whenever he would talk about all of you how much love & how proud he was & how much he loved you Jean. I'm so blessed to have had him in my life. Rod & Lori (Zinda) Koester

Lori Koester - April 01, 2025 at 11:46 AM

AT

“ Angie troutner lit a candle in memory of Theodore Zinda



Angie troutner - April 01, 2025 at 10:31 AM

SL

“ Sam Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Theodore Zinda



Sam Lawrence - April 01, 2025 at 01:01 AM

JD

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Jeri Dobrowski - March 31, 2025 at 11:32 PM

JD

2023: Ted showing off his classy oil field car at St. Philip's, MT

Jeri Dobrowski - April 02, 2025 at 07:15 PM

DE

“ Dawn Egan lit a candle in memory of Theodore Zinda



Dawn Egan - March 31, 2025 at 10:27 PM

CH

“ Jean: I am so sorry for your loss. I have a memory of the day he was riding to Glendive car pooling and he was running late. Driving over speed limit of 55 so you know that has been a few years ago. Highway patrol stopped us and said what is your hurry, we are running late for work and he responded you are going to be a little later then and gave us a \$5 ticket. Ted took out the \$5 and said it was his fault and paid our fine. We had a good laugh over the remark that was made and went on our way. I will remember our last visit at the grocery store a month ago Take care and keep memories close to your heart. RIP in Ted and fly high with the angels. Carol Hanson

Carol Hanson - March 31, 2025 at 02:49 PM

GS

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are so sorry to hear about Ted...

Gordy and Judy Schmitt - March 31, 2025 at 04:15 PM

GH

Ted's positive nature and bright smile will be missed. May your memories bring you comfort. He colored his pigs purple in grade school! He was one excited guy when he came to pick up his "Navy" girl in Billings one time. So many memories... Rest in peace dear friend.

Gerri and Ron Hanson - April 01, 2025 at 10:20 AM

CH

“ Carol Hanson sent a virtual gift in memory of Theodore Zinda



Carol Hanson - March 31, 2025 at 02:36 PM

TC

“ *Tiffany Conaway lit a candle in memory of Theodore Zinda*



Tiffany Conaway - March 31, 2025 at 01:30 PM