



Thomas Michael O'Dea

February 22, 1956 - June 17, 2024

Thomas Michael O'Dea went home to be with the Lord on Monday, June 17th, 2024 at GMC Extended Care in Glendive. Celebration of Life will take place Monday, June 24, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Silha Funeral Home in Glendive with Celebrant Heidi Carney and Father Francis Schreiber officiating, and a potluck luncheon to follow. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Tom was born on February 22, 1956 in Miles City, MT to Paul and Lois (Williams) O'Dea, the fifth of six children. Tom spent his childhood in Miles City, attending Sacred Heart Catholic School, where jokester Tom and the nuns became well acquainted. Tom finished his education in public school, graduating from Custer County District High School in 1975. After high school Tom put his extensive mechanical knowledge to use as a mechanic at Custer Motors. When Tom's Uncle Jimmy called to ask him for help on the family ranch Tom was quick to step up. He dedicated many years to helping run the ranch, a period in his life he took great pride in. Tom married Denise Harrison in May of 1989, from this union Tom's only son Michael was born. Tom enjoyed sharing his love of ranching with his family, with the young family spending countless hours out on the ranch. Michael has many fond memories of riding along in the tractor with his father. Tom also shared his mechanical knowledge with his son, with the two spending countless hours together in the garage.

In 2007 Tom and Denise parted ways, with Tom returning to Miles City to

spend more time with his parents who he was very close with. Though he struggled with physical ailments, Tom found joy in capturing his family through photography and sharing the photos for all to enjoy. Tom was very social and easily made friends far and wide on his HAM radio. His knowledge of technology was ahead of his time, with friends frequently calling him up for help with their various IT needs.

In 2014 Tom became a grandpa, a title he took great pride in. He loved giving Serenity rides around in his chair and of course teaching her how to cause a bit of mischief.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Lois.

He is survived by his son Michael (Barbara) O'Dea; granddaughter Serenity O'Dea; his siblings, Pat (Marlene) O'Dea, Peggy (Lawrence) Gieser, Tim (Sue) O'Dea, Marianne Reaves, and Marty (Jeanette) O'Dea; his only surviving aunt, Eleanor Williams; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Previous Events

Life Tribute Service

JUN **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 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>

Tribute Wall

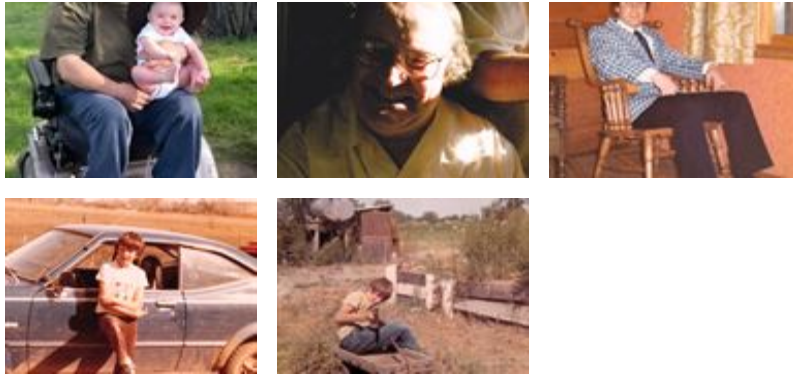
KM

“ *The years have gone so quickly past. I will always remember Tommy for the smiles and laughter he shared. It was truly a blessing to know him. May you find comfort in your memories. God bless.*

Karen Morris - June 27, 2024 at 07:18 PM



“ 126 files added to the album LifeTributes



Silha Funeral Home - June 21, 2024 at 06:39 PM

JB

“ *Tom was one member of our group of friends. He had a wonderful and quick laugh. We all loved his car, the green “Duster(?) many a nights we spent visiting and dragging main. Tommy, you are missed!*

Joan Bunke - June 21, 2024 at 11:13 AM

RS

Tom, you always had that big old grin. I don't think I can ever remember him not smiling. He was always a friend to everyone. Tommy, you will be missed by many.

Robin Jung - Schatz - June 24, 2024 at 03:21 AM

DW

Wow, I just found out my high school friend is gone. Tom and Julie got his friend Russell and me together in high school, for a prom. Who knew he would also be the best man at our wedding surviving a massive snow storm from Glendive to Helena to be there. He also had a smile and kind word. Tom was a true friend no matter what he loved us all. Miss you Tommy RIP

Diana Brockman Wehere - December 09, 2024 at 06:15 PM

MG

“ *Marlene Gehnert lit a candle in memory of Thomas O'Dea*



Marlene Gehnert - June 20, 2024 at 09:10 PM

CP

“ *Carrie Pellett lit a candle in memory of Thomas O'Dea*



Carrie Pellett - June 20, 2024 at 04:10 PM

RH

“ *We are so sorry to hear about Tommy. He had a big heart and smile. May God bless you all. David & Rita Hilger*

Rita Hilger - June 19, 2024 at 10:44 PM

EH

“ To all of Tom's family: I am so very sorry for your loss. May your memories of Tom bring you comfort.

Ellen Hart - June 19, 2024 at 10:29 PM

TA

“ Tanna Aye lit a candle in memory of Thomas O'Dea



Tanna Aye - June 19, 2024 at 06:53 PM

AG

“ Arlene Gieser sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas O'Dea



Arlene Gieser - June 19, 2024 at 01:36 PM

WW

“ William Wallick lit a candle in memory of Thomas O'Dea



William Wallick - June 19, 2024 at 10:18 AM

SB

“ *Sharon Bain lit a candle in memory of
Thomas O'Dea*



Sharon Bain - June 18, 2024 at 10:54 AM