



Wallace "Wally" Broeder

April 4, 1947 - May 27, 2016

Wallace "Wally" Broeder, age 69, of Glendive, Montana passed away on Friday, May 27, 2016, losing a hard-fought battle with cancer. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Will Johnson and Reverend Avis Anderson officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at 4:00 P.M. in Dawson County Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Wally was born on April 4, 1947, to Walter and Esther (Nygaard) Broeder in Minot, North Dakota. He moved to Glendive at an early age where he attended elementary and high school. He participated in many sports during his high school years and especially enjoyed Legion Baseball. Wally attended Montana State University and during a break in school was drafted into the United States Army and served in the 41st Artillery Unit in Germany. He ended his duty as a SP5 and always felt lucky that he served his two-year deployment in Germany rather than Vietnam.

In 1968 Wally married Bonnie Feisthamel and they were together for 48 years. They had two children, Wes who was born in Germany and Becky who was born in Bozeman, where they lived while Wally attended MSU after the service. He later attended North Dakota State School of Science, where he received his heating/air conditioning and electrical certificates.

He had a strong work ethic and he and his brother Warren owned and operated Walt's Electric for 40 years until they closed their business in 2014.

He was a member of the Glendive Fire Department for over 30 years and was an EMT and a member of the Glendive Ambulance Department for over 40 years, 30 of those being the ambulance director. He felt very privileged that he had a part in getting the ambulance facility built. He was also very proud of the EMT's and staff of the ambulance department.

Wally loved going elk hunting in Western Montana in the fall of the year, and since the 70's he went many times. His hunting buddy and good friend, Fred Scott, was always a partner in crime and good friend, Phil Auble often joined them, along with others over the years. They seldom got their elk but always had a good time.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Esther.

Wally is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Bonnie of Glendive; his children, Wes (Johnlyn) of Spearfish, South Dakota and Becky (Will) of Missoula, Montana; his two grandchildren, whom he loved more than anything, MacKenna and Logan Broeder. He is also survived by his brothers, Warren (Kathy) and Allan (Judy); and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Zion Lutheran Church, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation in Missoula, GMC Hospice, or to the charity of one's choice.

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

Cemetery Details

Dawson County Cemetery

Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard
Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **31**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Zion Lutheran Church
401 Riverview Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ Wallace *"Wally"* Broeder

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ My brother, William Walter (Broeder) Redmond, was Wallace's half-brother from his father's previous marriage. I am not sure if they ever met, but the resemblance is uncanny. If the family would like any information, they can contact me via Facebook or e-mail porterr edmond@outlook.com.

J. Redmond - March 19, 2018 at 01:33 PM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of my wonderful EMT instructor. He was a true treasure.

Cindy Gregg-Hope - June 15, 2016 at 11:26 AM



“ Bonnie both Paula and I are sad to hear about Wally. You and your family are in our thoughts. Wally was such a nice person and he left us way to soon.

Gary L. Gaub and Paula A. Crumb

Gary L. gaub - June 02, 2016 at 02:46 PM

GP

“ Bonnie and family,
Sorry for your loss. Wally was one of a kind to say the least. There are plenty of memories I have that include eating worms in the garden on Hughes Street, Demolay, the Moosejaw band trip and Skateland dances for a few.
Great picture in a great obit. Made me laugh with a lump in my throat. Hard to do.
You are in our prayers and thoughts,
God Bless,
Glenn Paulson

Glenn Paulson - June 02, 2016 at 08:23 AM

GP

“ Bonnie and family,
Sorry for your loss, Wally was one of a kind... I am going back and remembering times I haven't thought about for years and years and years. Eating worms on Hughes St, Demolay, the band trip to Moosejaw and Skateland dances for a few.
You all are in our thoughts and prayers.
Great obit too, had me laughing with a lumpy throat. Hard to do.
Take care, God Bless,
Glenn Paulson

Glenn Paulson - June 01, 2016 at 09:56 PM

MM

“ Bonnie, you and your family are in my prayers today.
Wally was a good guy, and such a kind person. I enjoyed visiting with both of you at the class reunion last summer. He always had that little smile on his face.
I wish you peace.
Marie Meland

Marie Meland - June 01, 2016 at 08:05 PM

BV

“ Bonnie and Family - Very sorry to hear of Wally's passing. I have not done a good job of keeping in touch over the years - but have lots of good memories of riding around in Wally's Chevy delivery sedan back in the day! I think that the smile you caught in the picture sums up memories of Wally for lots of us! You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob Vogele

Bob Vogele - May 31, 2016 at 01:13 PM

MM

“ We are so very sorry your loss. With deepest sympathy, the Michael's.



Mark and Gina Michael - May 31, 2016 at 10:57 AM

DW

“ Bonnie I am so sadden by your loss. I always enjoyed Wally at the Pharmacy! He will defiantly be missed. Please know that God is with you now more than ever during this difficult time. Prayers to your family.

Danielle Wold - May 31, 2016 at 09:56 AM

DR

“ Always enjoyed Wally's personality and consistent smile. Appreciated him as a customer and admired his service to the community. He will be missed.
Doug Reed

Doug Reed - May 31, 2016 at 09:55 AM

GH

“ *Johnlyn & Wes, sorry for the loss of your father. Sending prayers & hugs. ~Gayle (Hartung) Hoffman*

Gayle Hoffman - May 31, 2016 at 08:45 AM

“ Years later, I brought it up during a visit back to Glendive, and he cocked his head to one side and said, “you still remember that, huh?” It gave both of us a good chuckle.

We also reminisced about a scary fire we started out in Makoshika Park; I think we were in junior high at the time. I'm not sure who was--Rick Riggs, Les Lonning, Wally, me, and perhaps someone else. Wally had a book of matches, and he lit the book and threw it at a dry sage brush, just for the heck of it. We watched in horror as it took off with a loud whoosh, and instantly we knew we had a big problem on our 13 year old hands. It burned nearly an acre before we got it out. We ruined the shirts we were wearing because we found a nearby mud hole with just enough water in it to wet them, which we then used to beat out the flames. That occupied a number of wide eyed conversations where several of us admitted later to saying some fast prayers at the time for deliverance.

I wonder if his long tenure with the Glendive Fire Department had something to do with the trauma of our childhood fire in Makoshika Park?

And then there was the time Wally shot John Zimmerman in the locker room with the starter pistol at a range of five or six feet. Reports had it that Zimmerman clutched his chest which was struck and burned by the wad, with the facial expression of someone who thought they'd been shot. I expect Wally got in trouble, but by the time I learned about it, it was nothing more than great high jinx. John later talked about it saying, “yeah, that dang Broeder shot me.” But by then it was panicky funny.

I'd give anything to sit down with Wally, have a beer, and smile about our good lives in Glendive. Wally's a good man, and my memory is shot through with nothing but good remembrances, the kinds only a good friend can generate. So I join all of you in your sadness at his passing.

*With my sincerest condolences,
Orlan*

Orlan Svingen - May 30, 2016 at 09:51 PM

“ Bonnie, Allan, and Warren,
I just learned today of Wally's passing. I don't know the details, but I read from the obit that it was one of those hard fought battles with cancer. I knew nothing of it I regret to say, so I'm very much in the shock and grieving end of things.

I read with interest the details of Wally's life that I only knew bits and pieces of since leaving Glendive. I would see him from time to time on a few trips back, and I enjoyed talking and catching up. I regret that I wasn't back more often so that each of us could have filled in more details of each other's lives--children, families, and the like.

That said, I have such good memories of growing up in Glendive, with Wally playing a prominent role in them. I learned to ride a bike at his place when they lived on the corner of Hughes Street, just down from Peoples Market. He, Allan, and Warren had junior-sized bikes (maybe they shared two bikes), and it was on one of those that I learned to ride. I think it was the cream colored bike. I remember feeling bad when they moved from Hughes up to the Heights, but we stayed pals.

We went to Sunday School and confirmation together at Zion Lutheran, and in the 5th grade, his mom was our Sunday School teacher. I recall saying something in class that made her chuckle. She must have relayed whatever it was to my parents because they quizzed me closely to make sure I wasn't turning into a Sunday School class clown. I was cautioned to show Mrs. Broeder respect during Sunday School. We served as candle-lighting acolytes at church as well, which gave us license to hang out in the church bathrooms and hallways, thereby missing out on the long Lutheran church services.

One of my clear memories that we talked of frequently was the downstairs gun shot incident where one of the brothers accidentally discharged one of Walt's hunting rifles. I remember Wally showing me the gunshot evidence, and it was one of those silent stoic

moments where I was so grateful not to have been involved. The punishment and aftermath of it was shrouded in lore and hushed speculation over which of them pulled the trigger. Not long after, I was cleaning my .22 Magnum in the living room over on Taylor Avenue when I "stepped into the indoor Broeder gunshot mythos." I accidentally discharged it, striking a carpeted sitting bench with the round. My sister was home, so I couldn't dodge the responsibility or engage in the subterfuge of a cover up. When I told Wally about it, his eyes widened, he smiled, and said something about it being pretty loud, right?

He finally confided to me in muted words years later who it was, but for the life of me I can't remember. And that keeps that whole saga a great memory. Whenever "the gunshot" came up around Walt, he just flicked his toothpick around, made some unnerving facial gestures involving his eyebrows and kept us on tender hooks all the while.

I remember going bowling out at Glen Bowl Lanes with Wally, getting our driving licenses, drinking too much under-age beer at the drive in theater during the summers, and otherwise carrying on as delinquents from time to time. We both got our share of speeding tickets, and we paid the price in ways we would compare-- grounding, loss of license, and so on. One time Esther had him hoeing in the backyard garden, doing some kind of penance or parent-administered atonement.

He told me later that performing that labor had led him to write a poem. I was stunned. Wally wrote a poem. Wally was no poet, so I insisted on hearing it. He stoically offered this:

*Tomatoes are red,
Cucumbers are green,
I just don't know,
I just don't know.*

We discussed it from time to time in high school, having several

illegal beers' conversation about the experience and its mystical, spiritual symbolism. We found it humorous, but with just enough wonder that we both remembered it. Years later, I brought it up during a visit back to Glendive, and he cocked his head to one side and said, "you

Orlan Svingen - May 30, 2016 at 03:53 PM

CB

“ *Bonnie we were so sorry to hear of Wallys passing. Our hearts are so heavy with the loss of a very old friend. Our prayers are with you, your children and grandchildren. May God give you all strength and comfort. In deepest sympathy, Craig & Cherryl (Irion) Brown.*

Craig & Cherryl Brown - May 30, 2016 at 03:26 PM

DS

“ *Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Wallace "Wally" Broeder*



Denise Stoddart - May 30, 2016 at 12:47 PM

JD

“ *I am so sorry that Wally passed. He and I worked together at Trident cement plant and I never forgot him. We had some memorable times together I shall always remember. John DeBock*

John DeBock - May 30, 2016 at 12:12 PM

MK

“ *Mark And Doris Kapfer lit a candle in memory of Wallace "Wally" Broeder*



Mark and Doris Kapfer - May 30, 2016 at 11:47 AM

TO

“ *Wally was my good friend. I will miss him greatly. He is responsible for saving countless lives in Glendive and in Dawson County. God Speed Wally. Rest In Peace.*

Terry Osborn - May 29, 2016 at 10:24 PM

MA

“ *Thoughts and Prayers to you all during this difficult time. Dustin & Monica Amundson*



Monica Amundson - May 29, 2016 at 10:17 PM

WH

“ *Wes And JoJo Hagen lit a candle in memory of Wallace "Wally" Broeder*



Wes and JoJo Hagen - May 29, 2016 at 07:40 PM

JS

“ *Jim And Donna Stanfill lit a candle in memory of Wallace "Wally" Broeder*



Jim and Donna Stanfill - May 29, 2016 at 07:26 PM

MF

“ *Marta Ganes And The Mark Olson Family lit a candle in memory of Wallace "Wally" Broeder*



marta ganes and the Mark Olson family - May 29, 2016 at 07:24 PM

BA

“ *Bobbie & Corey Anderson lit a candle in memory of Wallace "Wally" Broeder*



Bobbie & Corey Anderson - May 29, 2016 at 07:08 PM

PM

“ *Prayers to Bonnie and the family. So sorry for your loss.*



Pamela Mitchell-Ramirez - May 29, 2016 at 06:18 PM

CF

“ Chris & Gene Fixmer lit a candle in memory of Wallace "Wally" Broeder



Chris & Gene Fixmer - May 29, 2016 at 04:06 PM

RB

“ Heaven welcomed a good man and gained another kind soul! Wally and I started first grade together and continued being friends for 63 years!
Wally was definitely 'one of the Good Guys!' My sympathy to Bonnie, Wes and Becky and family. And also to all his many friends, you will be missed, dear friend! Rest in peace!

Rosemary and Bill Bunting - May 29, 2016 at 01:27 PM

GM

“ Gerald & Marsha WENZ Mickelson sent a virtual gift in memory of Wallace "Wally" Broeder



Gerald & Marsha WENZ Mickelson - May 29, 2016 at 01:24 PM

FL

“ Frank & Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of Wallace "Wally" Broeder



Frank & Janette Legato - May 29, 2016 at 01:18 PM

GM

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Browder family. Sincerely, Gene & Leslie Micheletto*



Gene Micheletto - May 29, 2016 at 11:41 AM

DW

“ *Bonnie and family, I am very saddened to hear of Wally's passing, Wally was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. May God bless each of you during this difficult time.*
Debra (Feisthamel) Waters

Debra Waters - May 29, 2016 at 11:32 AM

AL

“ *Allen & Carol Lachenmaier lit a candle in memory of Wallace "Wally" Broeder*



Allen & Carol Lachenmaier - May 29, 2016 at 11:29 AM

MM

“ *Martha & Bradley Moody purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wallace "Wally" Broeder.*



Martha & Bradley Moody - May 29, 2016 at 11:13 AM

SB

“ Bonnie and family, sorry for you loss. May God comfort and guide you through this difficult time.



Sheila Butler - May 29, 2016 at 10:55 AM

KS

“ Wally was always a huge help and had a great attitude when it came to helping in the X-ray department.

Kathleen Sampson - May 29, 2016 at 09:55 AM

GB

“ Glenda And Bill lit a candle in memory of Wallace "Wally" Broeder



Glenda and Bill - May 29, 2016 at 12:02 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wallace "Wally" Broeder.



May 28, 2016 at 11:52 PM

CH

“ Carol Chouinard Hanson lit a candle in memory of Wallace "Wally" Broeder



Carol Chouinard Hanson - May 28, 2016 at 10:48 PM

SD

“ Dear Bonnie, my heart felt sympathies you and your family. I remember all the times Wally kept us up and running at the DQ. May all the wonderful memories you hold dear help with the days ahead. Please know I feel your sadness and send many prayers for God's comforting arms to hold you close. Sherilyn Senner Danielson

sherilyn senner danielson - May 28, 2016 at 08:27 PM

DB

“ To the Broeder family. Glendive has lost one of the best. Wally was a super great guy. May you all find comfort in the days ahead.

Dennis and Cindi Byron - May 28, 2016 at 08:16 PM

SF

Bonnie, Becky, and Wes, we are so sorry to hear of Wally's passing. We want you to know that our love, thoughts, and prayers are with your entire family. Sandra and Paul Fasting

Sandra Fasting - May 30, 2016 at 09:31 AM

PH

I am so sorry to hear of Wally's passing! We lived one block from the Broeder family, growing up in Glendive, and I remember Wally, as a friend of my brother Rick. I am so glad I was able to visit with him, at Bunting's, during The Back to the 60's High School Class Reunion. Thinking of you all, Bonnie, and family, with love, and prayers.

Patty (Rigg) Harrington - May 30, 2016 at 03:06 PM

MS

*Bonnie and family, we were so sorry to hear about Wally. He was always a great friend and classmate. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time.
Mel and Kathy Sampson*

Mel Sampson - May 30, 2016 at 07:16 PM