



Walter Henry Kukus

September 19, 1929 - March 31, 2020

Walter Henry Kukus was born in Sidney MT on September 19th, 1929 to Marie (Rein) and Henry Kukus JR. Walt passed away on March 31, 2020 at the Glendive Medical Center. His family and friends had just celebrated his 90th birthday last summer. Walt had 11 siblings. He attended school through 10th grade in Fairview MT.

In 1946 at the age of 17 he left home to work for a sugar beet farmer. He then moved to Butte Mt where he worked in the copper mines. He said those mines were over a mile deep. He then moved to Texas where he worked for different farmers combining wheat and flax. He worked his way back north to ND and Canada. In 1948 he joined the National Guard. In 1951 he met the love of his life Violet Krous a young nurse on a blind date in Williston. At that same time in 1951 Walt entered the US Navy serving in Europe until 1954. Walt and Vi kept in contact through letters while he served overseas. One correspondence was extra special when he proposed marriage and sent a ring to Violet.

In 1954 he moved to Glendive and worked in the oilfields setting up pipelines for Yacca construction. He then worked for a farmer until he started at Rahr's meat service. In 1955 he married Violet Krous in Gladstone, ND. He worked at Rahr's until it close in 1990. After that he hauled sugar beets.

Walt always kept busy gardening, tinkering in his woodshop, reading, listening to country music and fishing. He enjoyed playing card and dominos. He was always helping his neighbors. He always enjoyed sharing a beer or cup of coffee. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and Elks club.

Walt is survived by his wife of almost 64 years Violet, his 2 daughters Rosemarie (Chuck) of West Fargo, ND and GwenAnn (Shawn) Martin of Devils Tower WY. Walt was blessed with 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren: Matt & Alynna (Kennedy and Zoey) Woodbury, Angie & Kirby (Brooks and Alma) Hedstrom, Kate & Ken (Kenny Jr and Koraline) Gunderson, Paul & Kataira (Aria) Martin and Cody Martin. Sisters Bonnie (Delmar) Damm and Anna Ginther, both of Sidney.

He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Marie, one grandson, Michael Martin, sisters: Etta Hinman, Gloria Dietz, Caroline Hansen, and Kathryn and brothers: Bob, Arnie, Donny, Jerry and Orlie Kukus

A special thanks to all the care givers at the Glendive Medical Center and all the friends that have reached out to offer love and support to Violet and family.

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
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Tribute Wall



“ *Walter Henry Kukus*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Lori Holm Brooks lit a candle in memory of Walter Henry Kukus*



Lori Holm Brooks - April 29, 2020 at 11:21 PM



“ *Our condolences to the KuKus family and friends at this difficult time.*



Denise Borotrager - April 07, 2020 at 04:03 AM



“ *Vi and Rose and family- I was so sorry to hear of Walt's passing. Prayers for comfort and healing. Cherish all your wonderful memories! Love, Joy Schipman*

Joy Schipman - April 03, 2020 at 03:30 PM

CH

“Walt was always such a presence at family gatherings. One of that finest generation who offered such good advice and direction. Your legacy lives on, Walt, in your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Hugs to Vi and we are holding all of you close in our hearts. Peter, Charlie and Rya.

Charlie Hovde - April 02, 2020 at 10:37 PM

RO

“Ray And Mary Ann O'Donnell lit a candle in memory of Walter Henry Kukus



Ray and Mary Ann O'Donnell - April 02, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“Vi, Rosie, and Gwen and families
We are so sorry to here of Walt's passing what a shock.
My heart aches for all of you at this time. I will always remember that Walt would always have a joke about us North Dakotans to share with us and Dad would probably have one back. Love you all take care and God bless
Kent and Sheila Bjerke
Williston ND.



Kent Bjerke - April 02, 2020 at 04:04 PM

BB

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Vi.



Bonnie Broeder - April 02, 2020 at 02:49 PM

GH

“ Gene And Nancy Hafla lit a candle in memory of Walter Henry Kukus



Gene and Nancy Hafla - April 02, 2020 at 11:31 AM

PV

“ Pete And Deb Vogel lit a candle in memory of Walter Henry Kukus



Pete and Deb Vogel - April 02, 2020 at 01:39 AM

DZ

“ Don And Penny Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Walter Henry Kukus



Don and Penny Zimmerman - April 01, 2020 at 08:59 PM

EF

“ We are so sorry you’ve lost some one so special. Our thoughts are with you and your family, Vi, as are prayers for comfort and peace.



Eula Langton and family - April 01, 2020 at 07:02 PM

LI

“ Linda lit a candle in memory of Walter Henry Kukus



Linda - April 01, 2020 at 06:09 PM

DS

“ Dick Sadorf lit a candle in memory of Walter Henry Kukus



Dick Sadorf - April 01, 2020 at 04:19 PM

MS

“ Vi and family, we were so sorry to read about Walt. Please know that we are thinking about you at this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family. Kathy and Mel Sampson



Mel Sampson - April 01, 2020 at 12:53 PM

KS

“ *Karen Schock lit a candle in memory of
Walter Henry Kukus*



Karen Schock - April 01, 2020 at 12:28 PM

JB

“ *Dearest Vi sending love and hugs to you and your family .Sorry for
your sorrow and loss.Walt was a kind man.
Jerry Donna Buxbaum*

Jerry and Donna Buxbaum - April 01, 2020 at 11:35 AM

KM

Walt was a kind, great guy! Wow what a life you two made together!

kevin mcgovern - April 02, 2020 at 02:04 PM

JD

“ *John & Terra Doll sent a virtual gift in memory
of Walter Henry Kukus*



John & Terra Doll - April 01, 2020 at 11:04 AM

CK

“ *Dear Vi,
Our condolences on Walt's passing. My heart goes out to you.
Carol and Jerry Kittler*

Carol Kittler - April 01, 2020 at 02:20 AM

JS

“ *Jim & Donna Stanfill sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter Henry Kukus*



Jim & Donna Stanfill - April 01, 2020 at 12:49 AM

JJ

Vi and Family, we are sad to hear about Walt. You are all in our prayers.

Jim - April 01, 2020 at 12:51 AM

DJ

“ *Walt and Vi were my neighbors growing up in Forest Park. Their daughters were very special to me, but to begin to describe the impact that Walt and Vi had on my life all through life would be challenging to fit in this space. My love to you Vi for always being there, we all wish we could be there for you now. What a perfect example of; and 2 shall become 1, so you are not alone Vi, You and Walt were always together and that's how I will remember him, your other half. You are still together in my heart . May God grant you strength.*

Danise W J and Bob

Danise J - March 31, 2020 at 11:41 PM

AG

“ *Kukus family I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Deepest sympathy.*



Arlene Gieser - March 31, 2020 at 10:09 PM

LS

“ *Linda Schuler lit a candle in memory of Walter Henry Kukus*



Linda Schuler - March 31, 2020 at 09:01 PM

CP

“ *Vi & family, so sorry to read of your loss. Cherish all the fond memories.*

Cherise Patterson - March 31, 2020 at 08:52 PM

BK

“ *Bernice M And Nancy K lit a candle in memory of Walter Henry Kukus*



Bernice M and Nancy K - March 31, 2020 at 07:25 PM

MG

“ *Vi and Family,
I am so sorry to read of Walts' passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
~Mary Jo Gehnert*

Mary Jo Gehnert - March 31, 2020 at 05:24 PM