



Ward Joel Jackson

September 5, 1950 - September 11, 2021

Ward Joel Jackson passed away at his home in Glendive, Montana on Saturday, September 11, 2021 after a brief illness.

Funeral services, including Masonic Rites, will be held at 1:00 P.M., Friday, September 17, 2021 in the Chapel of the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, Montana with Joel Jackson officiating. Viewing will precede the services from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Internment, with Military Honors, will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. A reception will follow the internment at the Silha reception hall. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Ward was born September 5, 1950 in Ennis, Montana the son of Peter and Johnneta Jackson. Later his sister Shelly Van Haur and younger brother Jon Jackson completed the family. He started school at Norris, Montana, transferring to Harrison Public School when Norris closed, graduating with the class of 1969. He enrolled at Montana State University to study Range Ecology. In 1970 his father said he had to calve out his beloved Hereford cows himself. Having taken the quarter off the United States Army quickly changed his plans and drafted him. While home on leave he met his beloved wife Virginia "Ginny" Lee (Frye) Jackson. He received his Honorable Discharge after the early out option in 1971. Ward then returned to Montana State University to continue his education. This time only taking a brief trip to Boise, Idaho to elope and marry Ginny on August 27, 1973. Maintaining a heavy course load Ward graduated from Montana State University in 1974

with a Bachelor of Science in Range Ecology, Ward was one quarter short of earning his Masters in Range Ecology and Mathematics. Ward and Ginny's first child, Virginia Bronwen was born on September 26, 1974; on October 5, 1976, their first son, Ward Joel II was born; followed by Benjamin Zedekiah on August 19, 1980. Some of Ward's greatest joys were imparting advice and wisdom to his children while watching them mature.

Ward was an active Mason in the Terry Masonic Lodge No. 74 also Past Master for Mount Jefferson Lodge No. 56 in Pony, Montana. Community and Agricultural groups were also important to him with the Society for Range Management, the Montana Stock Growers Association and Range Days being his favorite. Ward was extremely proud of serving as Madison County Commissioner from 1995 to 1999. He never felt like he had done enough and always put his full abilities to use. Of course, his main duty was maintaining, expanding, and improving the legacy of the Jackson Ranch. He would often admit he did love horses slightly more than his Hereford cows. Cheryl Corneliusen started riding with Ward and Joel in 2003. She quickly became Ward's friend and assistant manager of his herd. In 2007 Larry and Ruby Bearley started helping Joel on the ranch. True to his nature Ward always recognized good help working for a family member, offered them better hours, better pay and stole them. For the past 5 years they have lived on the ranch as assistant managers for Ward's cows on a daily basis working hand in hand with Cheryl.

For the last quarter of a century Ward's greatest joy was visiting with his 11 grandchildren. Jacksons do not smile in photos, Ward is smiling in every photo with his grandchildren. Lori Sabol has been his constant close companion since 2007, never leaving his side or missing a meal with him.

Ward was preceded in death by his wife Virginia Lee (Frye) Jackson and his parents Peter V Jackson III & Johnneta (Pierce) Jackson. Survived by: Close companion Lori Sabol of Glendive, Montana; Sister Shelly J & Jerry J Van Haur of Hilger, Montana; Brother Jonathan R & Pamela S (Scafe) Jackson of East Helena, Montana; daughter Virginia Bronwen, her children Victoria,

Arnold, & Cora of Alder, Montana; son Ward Joel Jackson II his children Micajah, Quinten, Kincayd, Kaelin, Liam, & Addistin Jackson of Terry, Montana; son Benjamin Zedekiah & Alicia (Fasching), their children Bradley & Edith Jackson of Mandan, ND.

Memorials are suggested to the Sterling Restoration, In Care of Jon Jackson, PO Box 1823, East Helena, MT 50635.

Cemetery Details

Dawson County Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (MT)

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Funeral Service

SEP 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

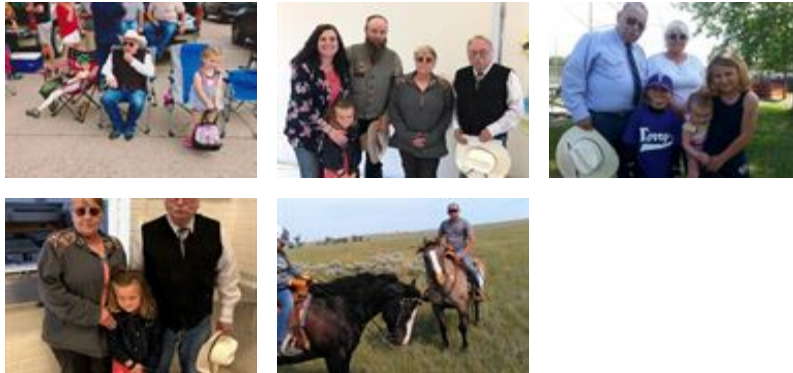


“ *Ward Joel Jackson*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *96 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Silha Funeral Home - September 16, 2021 at 04:14 PM



“ *Always enjoyed visiting with Ward at his corner table Thursdays at the brewery. He would have a half glass of his favorite brew and regale with an interesting story from his youth or his family's history. Rest in Peace Ward.*

Jack Rice

Jack Rice - September 16, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ward Joel Jackson.*



September 15, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ *Barba Rowe Tuss lit a candle in memory of Ward Joel Jackson*



barba rowe tuss - September 14, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ *Clyde, Pat, Brandy, Steve, Ayla, Flint purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Ward Joel Jackson.*



Clyde, Pat, Brandy, Steve, Ayla, Flint - September 14, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ *Dale & Alisa Boehning lit a candle in memory of Ward Joel Jackson*



Dale & Alisa Boehning - September 14, 2021 at 01:15 PM

TB

“ The staff at Stockman Bank purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ward Joel Jackson.



The staff at Stockman Bank - September 14, 2021 at 09:52 AM

RS

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Ward when he came into the NRCS office. He always had a good story to tell, and history of the State. He will be missed.

Richard James Scheetz - September 14, 2021 at 07:52 AM

PZ

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Ward. He was the best story teller about his childhood and his upbringing. His knowledge of history was amazing. He will be missed. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.



Penny Zimmerman - September 13, 2021 at 10:16 PM

GS

“ To a great man and father you will truly be missed. He was always there for his boys during basketball season cheering them on. To his family our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow and pain just remember all the great times you had with him.

George sheline and family

George sheline - September 13, 2021 at 08:33 PM

GW

“ Bronwen, Joel and Ben I very sorry to hear about the passing of your Father. He was a kind gentle man. I am praying for you all at this difficult time. I remember visiting you guys on the ranch north of Yellowstone a couple of times you you were all so young. I really miss your Mom too. May you have the peace that passes all understanding. Gail Heinze Wells

Gail Wells - September 13, 2021 at 06:58 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ward Joel Jackson.



September 13, 2021 at 02:03 PM

LR

“ Ward's family, we just want you to know that you have all been in our prayers. We were so very sad to hear of Ward's passing. We will surely miss our good neighbor and friend. May God send you comfort and peace beyond all understanding.
Lon and Vicki Reukauf

Lon and Vicki Reukauf - September 12, 2021 at 06:43 PM