



Wayne Malarchick

January 10, 1928 - March 23, 2021

Wayne Malarchick, age 93 of Glendive, passed away on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 peacefully at the Eastern Montana Veteran's Home. Funeral services will be private. Interment will be with military honors at the Dawson County Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Wayne was born January 10, 1928 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin to Steven and Goldie Malarchick. He lived in "Point" when he was a young boy, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. Two fond memories he once shared was riding his bike and using an antler sling shot with acorns ammunition. Around the age of 16 his family moved to Medora, ND. At 17 he fibbed a little on his age and enlisted in the United States Navy in 1946. Wayne was a proud member of the military, hanging pictures on the walls and sharing stories with anyone who was interested. Wayne attained the rank of Seaman First Class, and served aboard the USS PCE-868 during operation Crossroads, the first series of nuclear weapons testing conducted over Bikini Atoll, in the South Pacific. He loved his country and freedom he fought for. He was especially proud of being a survivor of an atomic bomb test and the length of time he protected his country. He was an active member of the National Association of Atomic Veterans.

Wayne had a keen sense of humor- some would say quirky- his focus on laughing even if other "weren't quite sure what they were laughing at" made others laugh even more. Following his discharge from the Navy his sense of

humor carried him through life. He once acknowledged the ups and downs, good and bad times but overall, he stated, "I tried not to take things too seriously." He shared once that "he couldn't find a money tree" as he called it so he learned the trade of drywall finishing from his uncle in Dickinson, ND. This is where he met and married Barbara (Kuntz). They moved to Glendive where they had eight children, Victor, Earl, Betty, Dana, Leo, Darlene, Todd and Mary.

Wayne worked at Lincoln Elementary School as a custodian for 35 years, retiring at the age of 62. This career brought him many joyful moments. He was proud of his school. He had many side jobs throughout the years where he utilized his drywall finishing skills, this included painting numerous houses, businesses and a few churches. Painting the old GTA Elevator was a point of pride for Wayne. Wayne enjoyed retirement and all the socializing that came with it. He went to the Senior Citizen Center often and was known for being a "social butterfly". When asked once what his favorite kind of pie was, he said he loved lemon meringue but would eat, blueberry, strawberry, cranberry and horseradish! Always making a joke.

Wayne enjoyed being outside. He has always gardened, gone hunting and fishing throughout life. Early on this was out of necessity and later for enjoyment with his children and grandchildren. He had a green thumb and could make anything grow, especially morning glories, holly hocks and moon flowers. Wayne enjoyed music and played his guitar throughout life.

Later in life he married Maggie (Groll). He met her while painting and they enjoyed each other's company. This union brought many wonderful memories. Wayne was very devoted to Maggie and always made sure she was taken care of.

Wayne is survived by one sister Janet Fuger, his six children; Victor (Teri) Malarchick of Miles City, MT; Dr. Earl (Gloria) Malarchick of Vista, CA; Betty Malarchick of Ronan, MT; Dana (John) Cullinan of Glendive, MT; Leo Malarchick of Glendive, MT; Darlene (Wes) Sutton of Park City, MT; Todd (Andee) of Sidney, MT. His seven grandchildren, Isabel (Mike) Wiley, Josue

Graciano, Johnny (Stephanie) Cullinan, Jessie (JD) McDanold, Cody (Molley) Sutton, Levi (Nicole) Sutton, Jordan (Courtney) Malarchick, Austin (Emily) Malarchick. He was also survived by seven great grandchildren and two on the way!

He was preceded in death by his parents Steven and Goldie Malarchick, his first wife and mother of his children, Barbara, and their daughter Mary, who passed away together in 1972; his second wife Maggie, brothers Ervin, Roman and sister Ramona.

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

In lieu of flowers or memorial gifts any financial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Dawson County Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall



“ Wayne Malarchick

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Malarchick's passing. I have fond memories of him. My sister, Stacy, and I slept over all the time when we were little girls. We had a blast playing. I loved the home made donuts 😊. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Cary Steele Williams

Cary Steele Williams - April 05, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ I fondly remember Mr. Malarchick from my days as a student at Lincoln. I don't think I ever saw him without a smile on his face. Later I knew him as one of my best friend's dad. I'm thinking of Todd and all his siblings and send them all my most sincere condolences. He was a great guy and will be missed.

Tim Bishop - April 02, 2021 at 07:18 PM



“ Tim Bishop lit a candle in memory of Wayne Malarchick



Tim Bishop - April 02, 2021 at 07:12 PM

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“ *LaNette Simonton lit a candle in memory of Wayne Malarchick*



LaNette Simonton - March 30, 2021 at 03:23 PM

AW

“ *Arnell Schmidt Wagner lit a candle in memory of Wayne Malarchick*



Arnell Schmidt Wagner - March 30, 2021 at 02:38 AM

KW

“ *I worked at Lincoln School as the secretary when Wayne worked there. He was always very kind to me and yes he had a quirky sense of humor to go with the twinkle in his eye. Whenever he saw me after we retired we would reminisce about our “school” days & Mr. Kelly. Our condolences to his family.*

Karen Wallace - March 29, 2021 at 08:44 PM

LF

“ *Sorry to hear about Wayne. He painted with my Dad, Alex(Scotty) Thomson, years ago.*



Linda Frank - March 27, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ *Diane Crockett lit a candle in memory of Wayne Malarchick*



Diane Crockett - March 26, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ *Carole J. Diede lit a candle in memory of Wayne Malarchick*



Carole J. Diede - March 26, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ *Linda Schuler lit a candle in memory of Wayne Malarchick*



Linda Schuler - March 26, 2021 at 12:52 AM



“ *Dana and Family I'm so sorry about your Dad!
He did a good job raising you Kids.
Always a caring man!
RIP Wayne!*



Becky Tipton - March 25, 2021 at 02:14 AM