



## William Colbert

August 19, 1929 - January 5, 2022

William (Billy) Luther Colbert, 92, passed away on Wednesday, January 5th, 2022, at the Sidney Health Center. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM with funeral services beginning at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at the American Lutheran Church in Richey with Pastor Eric Rydbom and Paul Sponheim officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Richey Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

William (Billy) was born on August 19, 1929 in St. Paul, MN to Luther and Carrie (Wilhelm) Colbert. Billy moved to Richey, MT as a young boy with his family. He grew up and attended school in Richey, MT. He also attended Rocky Mountain College before entering the Navy in 1950. He was discharged from the Navy in 1954. He returned to Richey after being discharged from the Navy and started farming with his stepdad, Alfred. Billy met the love of his life, Violet Waller in 1954. They married on September 3rd, 1954. They had three children, William Luther (Tyke), Olga Denise (Tootie), and LeRoy Burdette. Billy was a very active member of the American Lutheran church and served on numerous boards in Richey and the surrounding communities. He was a farmer through and through and had a true love for farming. Billy was a true family man and taught his children and grandchildren many life lessons. He was never too busy to stop and let his grandchildren climb into the combine for a ride which usually resulted in a nap. One thing Billy loved to do is give nicknames. His children and

grandchildren all had a nickname. Billy also loved to go to the ball games and watched numerous games over the years. He watched his kids, grandkids and even got to watch some of his great grandkids play. He was a patient man with a true spirit of generosity and kindness and a wonderful sense of humor. Billy is survived by his wife of 67 years, Violet, of Richey, MT, his son Tyke (Patty) Colbert of Richey, his daughter Tootie (Jim) Yadon of Fairview, MT, 6 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his dad Luther Colbert, his mom Carrie Unruh, his stepdad Alfred Unruh, his sisters Mary Wing and Phyllis Carlsen and his son LeRoy Colbert.

# Cemetery Details

## Richey Cemetery

Richey, MT 59259

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

American Lutheran Church  
Richey, MT 59259

## Funeral Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

American Lutheran Church  
Richey, MT 59259

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Colbert*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *38 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Silha Funeral Home** - January 12, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Colbert.*



January 12, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Colbert.*



January 11, 2022 at 07:42 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Colbert.*



January 11, 2022 at 02:43 PM



“ *Doug And Janette Bogar lit a candle in memory of William Colbert*



**Doug and Janette Bogar** - January 10, 2022 at 06:27 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Colbert family. May your memories help you during this sad time.*



**Les & Virginia Tipton** - January 08, 2022 at 01:54 AM

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“ Bill worked on a committee to select a recipient of the Soft family scholarship. Bill always read each application thoroughly and many times helped make a tough decision. I always appreciated that time of the year. It seemed like our recipients came through and made us proud.

*Bill was easy to visit with. He certainly made his mark in Richey and on me.*

*Butch Zieske*

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**Butch Zieske** - January 07, 2022 at 12:52 PM

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*Condolences to Bill's family for this loss. Hang on to all the good memories you have of his life. Bill lived a full life of service to family, local and extended community. He will be missed.  
Bill served for many years as a board of directors for The Federal Land Bank and Northwest Farm Credit Services - Sidney.  
Chuck and Marleen Lowman.*

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**Charles Lowman** - January 07, 2022 at 01:37 PM