

Paul John Trudell

Born

March 7, 1942 ~ Williston, ND

Died

April 21, 2017 ~ Billings, MT

Funeral Service

2:00 P.M., Saturday, April 29, 2017

Pella Lutheran Church ~ Sidney, MT

Officiating

Pastor Joel Westby

Music

Larry Riggs Sharon Wangerud Brodie

Dale Murschel Delon Murschel

Casketbearers:

Russ Steinbeisser Shay Steinbeisser

Brandon Trudell Don Trudell

Mikael Trudell Rusty Trudell

Honorary Casketbearers

Kyla Berger Lacey Steinbeisser

Sadie Steinbeisser Caleb Trudell

Rachel Trudell Cobey Trudell

Reece Trudell

Ushers

Todd Cayko Jeff Trudell

Inurnment

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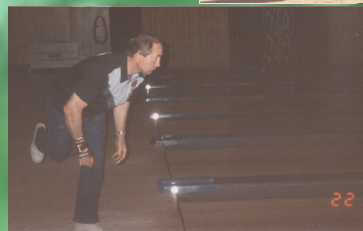
Richland Memorial Park ~ Sidney, MT

Lunch will be served in the church
fellowship hall following services

You may share your remembrances, condolences, and pictures
with the family at the Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home

Website: www.fulkersons.com

"I Have a Place in Heaven"
Please don't sing sad songs for me,
Forget your grief and fears,
For I am in a perfect place,
Away from pain and tears...
I'm far away from hunger
And hurt and want and pride.
I have a place in Heaven
With the Master at my side.
My life on earth was very good,
As earthly lives can go,
But Paradise is so much more
Than anyone can know...
My heart is filled with happiness
And sweet rejoicing, too.
To walk with God is perfect peace,
A joy forever new.
M. Kesler



In Loving Memory Of

Paul John Trudell

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Paul John Trudell was born March 7, 1942, in Williston, ND, the 5th child of Ray & Florence (Johnson) Trudell. He attended school at Sidney & Nohly and then graduated from Fairview High School in 1960. He then moved to Los Angeles, CA for one year to attend Northrup Institute of Technology, then transferred to Bozeman for one year. He then worked for Boeing followed by the BLM in Oregon.

In 1963, Paul married the most beautiful girl in the valley, Elaine Cayko, in Fairview, MT. Their first son, Donald Jay, was born in 1964. They moved to Colorado in 1965 where Paul worked as a foreman building 2 power plant dams on the Gunnison River. Their favorite daughter, Paula Jo, was born in December of that year. In 1967, they moved back to Fairview and he worked for various farmers before joining the oilfield in the early 70's. Brandon John was born in 1973 to complete their family.

Paul was very active and enjoyed many hobbies. He loved hunting, and took both boys elk hunting in Colorado at different times. He also enjoyed reading – especially Louis LaMour books. Horseshoes and bowling were big parts of his life as well as card games. Many Sundays were spent at his in-laws engaged in fierce games of Pinochle, Whist and Smear. He was very competitive! He was also a volunteer firefighter working his way up to Chief. At one time, he had part ownership in a plane & loved to fly. Summers most always included a family trip out to the Spokane area to see great friends, Buzz & Daisy, & various relatives. Other times we went to Colorado, Minnesota or fishing up in Canada. Octobers were always reserved for elk hunting with his brother, Jerry and family, in Colorado, and deer & pheasant hunting

locally. Dad loved to hunt & collect guns!

Dad also loved music! Some of his happiest times were spent playing in the Blue Ribbon Band in the mid 70's to early 90's. They played Country & Rock with Dad on the rhythm or bass guitar and singing also. He also played piano by ear. He passed his deep appreciation for music on to his kids & grandkids.

In 1982, Paul left the oilfield to pursue a lifelong dream of owning his own business. He started Hour Glass Tree Service just as Dutch Elm was hitting the area. He removed & trimmed 1000's of trees in the area. He also came up with his own special blend of fertilizer for evergreens & helped keep the MonDak green for almost 3 decades. All 3 of his kids worked the business with him at various times.

In 1985, Paul was officially diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. He had suffered a significant burn injury in 1982 and it is believed the trauma possibly brought on the Parkinson's. He never let that slow him down. He continued to work his business and participate in his hobbies in spite of the challenges PD brought. He never complained about his disease. In 1996, he had brain surgery to stop the tremor on the left side of his body. It was successful but affected his speech. Communicating clearly became more and more difficult as the years went by. This was his greatest loss because Dad loved to talk & visit with people. He had many friends from many walks of life.

He and Elaine divorced & Paul moved to Sidney & continued his business. He was always willing to help Paula out whenever she needed anything. He & Elaine remained friends & holidays were celebrated together with his kids & grandkids. He

loved finding and cutting down Christmas trees & it was always an adventure. He hid the eggs so well at Easter they were rarely all found. When the boys were home, rowdy games of cards would be played late into the night.

35 years of Parkinson's & a 2nd brain surgery, finally took its toll on Dad & he spent the last 10 months of his life at Morningstar Assisted Living in Billings, MT. He was always surrounded by love & attention by their caring staff – especially Ashley, Kristina, Rico, Tamra, Peggy & Tyler. The entire staff treated him with extra special care & were a blessing to Dad & our family. Paul went to Heaven on April 21st with his daughter, Paula and niece, Lynnette by his side along with several staff members. Dad is talking up a storm & singing with all his family & friends in Heaven now.

Paul is survived by his children: Donald (Pam), Billings, MT, Paula (Russ) Steinbeisser, Sidney, MT & Brandon (Laurie), Rochester, MN; Grandchildren: Kyla (John) Berger, Lacey, Sadie, and Shay (fiancé Chelsea Strasheim) Steinbeisser, Caleb & Rachel Trudell, Mikael, Cobey & Reece Trudell & 6 great grandchildren; siblings: Jerry (Joann) Trudell, Irene Emly, Elda Gabrielson, Mary Lou Miller, Dennis (Robin) Trudell, & Gene (Nancy) Trudell; sister-in-law, Betty Trudell; mother of his children, Elaine Trudell; numerous nieces & nephews & great nieces & nephews.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Ray & Florence Trudell, brother, Russ Trudell, his in-laws, John & Jeannette Cayko, brothers-in-law, Kipp Gabrielson, Albert Emly, Dale Miller, Johnny Cayko; sister-in-law, Pat Cayko; nephews, Ray Trudell, Bill Trudell & Jason Cayko.