In Memory Of
Charles D. Boyer
"Charlie"
July 7, 1944
June 7, 2016

Do Not Stand At My Grave
Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you wake in the morning hush;
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft starlight at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there, I did not die.

-Anonymous
Charles Dwight Boyer was born on July 7, 1944 to Francis and Rose (Sticka) Boyer in Sidney, MT. His youth was spent in Savage, MT on the Lalonde Ranch. He loved the life of a country boy and often reminisced about the animals, hard work, and the occasional accidents. He loved this life and it was a great foundation for the appreciation of work ethic and the simple things in life. He was an altar boy and talked of mass being in Latin only.

He moved to Sidney with his family in the spring of his junior year of high school. He completed his GED and got his diploma with the class of 1963. He then enlisted in the National Guard along with his brother Jim. While he attended school in Sidney he met Patti Price. They were married in 1965 and made their home in Sidney. They had three children. He married Mavis Salsbury in 1999 in which he gained three more children.

Charles worked at Holly Sugar, which was a family tradition. He also had experienced the oil boom of the late 70’s early 80’s with NOB Drilling. He then worked for Texaco and a variety of other companies driving truck. He later was a mechanic for a couple companies which eventually led him to Sidney Red-E-Mix where he was looking forward to returning to when he was able.

In December 2013 he was diagnosed with cancer. He fought the fight beyond what was expected. He turned a 6-9 month expectancy in to 2 and a half years. Charles did not want to ever be dependent on others but was surrounded by the most amazing support of friends, providers, and his family. He was admired by so many for his fairness, attention to detail, driven demeanor, and even how gentle yet strong he was. He also loved to be a joker and label people with nick names. He was a member of the Elks and Moose, ABATE, and willing to help out where ever needed.

Charles rekindled his love of riding motorcycle and driving a jeep. He made many friends on the road with work, motorcycle trips, and even sporting events of his children and grandchildren. Of all of these his greatest pride and joy was his grandchildren. He couldn’t wait to support them in all that they were involved in.

Charles is survived by: his wife, Mavis, of Sidney, MT; his children, Jodi (Chad) Mueller, Jennifer Boyer (Todd Steinley), and Justin (Melissa) Boyer, all of Sidney, MT; Nichole (Cole) Krugler, Darcy Bouchard, and Dustin (Andrea) Bouchard, all of Billings, MT; his siblings, Idelle Holmes, Pat Sather, Bruce Boyer of Sidney, MT, Jim (Caroline) Boyer, Polson, MT, Clydette Boyer, Williston, ND, Ron (Sue) Boyer, Huntley, MT; Eight grandchildren; 14 nieces and nephews, and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Charles was preceded in death by: his parents, brother-in-laws Jerry Holmes and Tom Sather; nieces Rachel Badt and Amy Boyer.

In memory of Charles’ fortitude with his fight against cancer, we ask that any donations be sent to the Sidney Health Center Cancer Care through the Foundation for Community Care.