

The Chain

We knew little that morning
 That God was going to call your name.
 In life we loved you dearly.
 In death we do the same.
 It broke our hearts to lose you,
 You did not go alone,
 For part of us went with you,
 That day God called you HOME.
 You left us
peaceful memories,
 Your love is still our guide:
 And though we cannot see you,
 You are ALWAYS at our side.
 Our family chain is broken,
 And nothing seems the same,
 But as God calls us one by one
 The chain will link again



Larry Ronald Zody, 76, a long-time resident of Culbertson, MT passed away Friday, December 27th at the Roosevelt Memorial Nursing Home in Culbertson after a short battle with lung cancer.

Larry was born in Glendive on March 19, 1943 to George and June (Grigsby) Zody and was the oldest of 9 children. He attended a rural school through the 8th grade and graduated from Dawson County High School in Glendive in 1961, living with his grandparents during the week and going home on weekends. Following high school, he attended Dawson Community College.

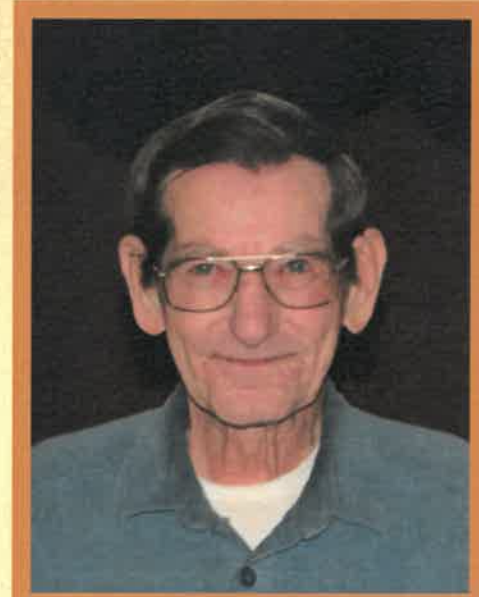
Larry grew up on the family farm near Bloomfield, MT, where he developed a strong work ethic that continued throughout his life. At an early age, he helped his dad milking cows, summer fallowing and driving the grain truck.

Larry served in the Navy from 1964-1968, during the Vietnam War. After his military service, Larry worked at various jobs in the Glendive area until he moved to Culbertson in the late 1970's. Upon moving to Culbertson, he started his career as a local truck driver hauling crude oil. He worked for many different companies over the years, including Plummer Trucking, Texaco, Chevron, Ashland, Scurlock Permian, and Plains. After retiring from truck driving, he spent his final working years at LandTech, a saltwater disposal site near Bainville.

After moving to Culbertson, Larry met the love of his life, Ruth K. Thompson and they were united in marriage on Dec 5, 1986. Here, they raised their son, Joe. Larry enjoyed the outdoors. You could find him spending his free time hunting or fishing. Some of his happiest memories were going deer hunting with his dad in his younger years. This continued on into adulthood where Larry, Ruth and Joe spent many hours hunting, fishing, or just going for a drive in the county. In 2003, Ruth left this earth way too soon, which made the last 16 years very difficult for him. Larry was a very proud and private man, not wanting to bother anyone or rely on anyone. In one of his final conversations with Joe, he said how hard it was losing Ruth and that he was ready to see her again. He was very proud of his grandchildren and before getting sick, made the long drive across the state many times to watch Sam, Zach & Tyzer in their many sporting events.

Larry is survived by his mother, June of Glendive, MT; his son, Joe (Jennifer) Zody of Montana City, MT; 2 daughters: Machelle (Jesse) Lewis of Richland, WA and Mary (Todd) Taylor of Chehalis, WA; 2 brothers Steve Zody of Lindsey, MT and Mark (Anita) Zody of Glendive, MT; and 6 sisters: Linda Eaton of Terry, Rhonda Bornholtz of Woodward, OK, Kathy (Bill) Lafond and Sheryl (Roy) Johnson both of Glendive, MT, Val (Jim) Maus of Plentywood, MT, and Susan (Bill) Edwards of Lindsey, MT; 8 grandchildren; Sam, Zach, and Tyzer Zody, Misti Reyes and Travis Lewis, and Dustin, Dalton, and Darby Taylor, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wonderful wife Ruth, his father George and his grandparents.

Always Loved, Never Forgotten, Forever Mined.



In Loving Memory Of

Larry R. Zody

March 19, 1943 - December 27, 2019





In Loving Memory Larry Ronald Zody

Born to George & June Zody
March 19, 1943 ~ Glendive, Montana

Called Home to His Heavenly Father
December 27, 2019 ~ Culbertson, Montana

Funeral Service
Monday, January 6, 2020 at 11:00 am
Grace & Peace Church ~ Culbertson, Montana

Officiating
Pastor Tim Hutslar

Music
"The Old Rugged Cross" & "Amazing Grace"
Darcia Peterson ~ Vocalist
Penny Anderson ~ Accompanist

Readers
/Sheryl Johnson Val Maus

Pallbearers
Steve Zody Mark Zody
Loren Schledewitz Tyler Traeger
Tate Traeger Zach Zody Tyzer Zody

Honorary Pallbearers
All of Larry's Family & Friends

Military Rites
Culbertson American Legion
Thomas Mann Post #81

Final Resting Place
Hillside Cemetery ~ Culbertson, Montana

Arrangements By
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Williston, North Dakota

