



Family Receive Friends

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home
Miles City, Montana
Followed by a Rosary at 6:00 p.m.

Funeral Mass

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Miles City, Montana

Officiating

Father Jolly Pathiyamoola

Music

Sacred Heart Musicians

Eulogy

Weldon Birdwell

Readers

Ben Birdwell & Jana Carlyle

Pallbearers

Eric Doeden, Dirk Doeden, Larry Bowar
Joe Stevenson, Cody Weyerbacher, Jr. Wilhelm
Brad Certain & Corey Jones

Rite of Committal

Immediately following the Funeral Service
Custer County Cemetery
Miles City, Montana

Following the graveside service, a luncheon will be held at the VFW in Miles City. Everyone is invited.

Arrangements By

Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home

In Loving
M E M O R Y



GARVE E. GIERKE

SEPTEMBER 29, 1967 - JULY 20, 2023

Celebrating A LIFE

Garve left his earthly pain behind on July 20, 2023, surrounded by his family and their love.

Born as the fifth of six children, Garve and his siblings shared a childhood of larger-than-life tales of adventure (and sometimes mischief) led by their parents, Harold and Shirley. Garve's love of the family ranch, time spent at Fort Peck Lake, and passion for cars and motorcycles were learned from them.

Starting at a young age, Garve began working at Harold's business, Portable Pavers. After graduating from Custer County District High School, Garve attended college for three years, continuing to work construction before meeting the love of his life, Tracey. Two months older than him, Garve loved telling everyone that she was an older woman. They married in 1991, welcoming Jordan in 1994 and Jamie in 1997.

Both hard workers—Garve a business owner and Tracey a nurse, they were always committed to being present for their kids. Garve valued family above all else and was proud of his children more than anything else in his life. Though, his family extended well beyond Tracey, Jordan, and Jamie, as demonstrated by the many, many lifelong friendships Garve fostered to the very end and the impact he had on the lives of his nieces and nephews.

He was the husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend so many depended on. He could always be relied on to help us in a tight spot before cracking a joke, and reminding us to laugh along with his award-winning, fully-body laugh. He was a smart and hard-working businessman, but also one that was fair to his partners, peers, and employees. His Safety Meetings, lake trips, hunting quests, and motorcycle adventures were sacred to him— as were the people he shared them with. He could have us all crying with laughter sharing the stories he kept close to lighten the mood, always indicating with a smirk and glint in his eye that he was about to let loose one of his famous one-liners.

In the years that Garve showed us the magnitude of his strength in fighting his cancer, the most important things in his world continued to be Tracey, Jordan and Jamie. As the great love of his life, Tracey was his rock to the very end. Jordan and Jamie were Garve's best friends— his biggest prides and his greatest joys. He found a great amount of peace in knowing that Jordan found his life partner in Brooke and held dear all the time he spent with Jamie in his last weeks, telling everyone that would come visit about the importance of the bond he had with his daughter. His family's devotion to him is a testament to the immensity of his love.

Garve is survived by his wife, Tracey, son, Jordan (Brooke), and daughter, Jamie, his mother, Shirley, siblings: Allyson, Gay, LuAnn (Weldon), Hal (Justine), and Guy (Gretchen), his mother in law Twila, brother in laws and sister in law, nieces, nephews, and extended family, as well as the many close friends he considered family. He was preceded in death by his father, Harold, and father-in-law, John, both of whom he has enjoyed a heavenly beer with already.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Garve's memory to Sacred Heart Elementary School, which was a cause very close to his heart.

