



Family Receive Friends

Monday, May 20, 2024 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home
Miles City, Montana

Funeral Services

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
Miles City Airport - Hangar 10
77 Frank Wiley Field, Miles City, Montana

Officiating

Pastor Rusty Phalen

Eulogy

Todd Steadman

Music

Jim and Kathleen Regan
Kurt Ammerman, Byron Hould & Nancy Mitchell

Pallbearers

Cole Hirsch, Eric Doeden, Josh Huber
Jacob Steadman, Boone Doeden, Joe Treu
Scott Toennis, Jason Hirsch
Dave Fiechtner & Marvin Starck

Honorary Pallbearers

Pat Lifto, Paul Grutkowski
Justin Strub, Doug Phair & Jeff Lankau

Luncheon

Following the service, a luncheon will be held
at Yellowstone Tavern, 3008 Valley Drive E.

Memorial

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Miles City
Flying Club, P.O. Box 1621, Miles City, MT 59301,
for a scholarship in Haiden's Honor.

A MILE OF HIGHWAY WILL TAKE YOU A MILE,
BUT A MILE OF RUNWAY WILL TAKE YOU ANYWHERE.

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STEVENS ON & SONS FUNERAL HOME

Cloud Cowboy

MAY 27, 2004 ~ MAY 14, 2024



HAIDEN OAKLAND



“There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone, the light remains”



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Haiden Paul Oakland “H” “Oak Tree” passed away in the afternoon of May 14, 2024 doing what he loved. Haiden was born in Miles City, Montana on May 27th, 2004. He was the second child, and only son of Paul and Marie Oakland.

At an early age, Haiden had an innate curiosity for engines or anything to get his hands dirty. Some would say he was a certified tinkerer, and YouTube mechanic. Haiden threw himself into all kinds of projects, just to keep himself busy or to help others.

Haiden was involved in a variety of activities such as football, BMX, baseball, track and field, soccer, skiing, basketball, wrestling, and boy scouts. He also had an adventurous side including his love for exploration that extended beyond these interests. Aside from flying, his adventures included dirt biking, water sports, snowmobiling and hunting.

Haiden’s journey was marked by many meaningful encounters and true friendships, particularly on the Yellowstone River and in the Bighorn Mountains. He was always willing to go the extra mile, not only for his goals, but also for the people he loved. His boundless work ethic shone through at Ingraham Environmental, Ace Hardware, Hirsch Farms, Jack's Body Shop, and Frank Wiley Field Airport. He even earned a welding certification, showcasing his dedication to craftsmanship.

Pat Lifo opened Haiden’s eyes to a passion that would feed his soul, aviation. Haiden’s family and friends quickly noticed the light in his eyes that shined whenever aviation came into the conversation. His obsession became anything and everything related to flying.

In the fall of 2021, Haiden began his pursuit of his private pilot’s license. Constantly working towards his goal of becoming a pilot, even before and after a full day of high school classes. Haiden’s dedication began to pay off when he flew solo into the sunset, for the first time, on March 28, 2022. After that, he began chasing sunrises and sunsets daily. Then, on August 1st, 2022, Haiden’s pursuit of excellence paid off when he became a pilot, at the age of 18. But that wasn’t enough for Haiden, with insistent determination he also became certified in instrument, complex, high performance, commercial, and multi engines before he turned 20.

All who knew Haiden will remember him for his intelligence, wit, humor, blue eyes and beautiful smile. A man of few words, but always direct and unfiltered, leaving a lasting impact on those around him. Haiden left us too early, but in the almost 20 years he was here, he lived an amazingly full life and he definitely knew how to “send it”. We will always carry Haiden’s memory in our hearts.

Haiden was preceded in death by his grandfather's Thorvald Bang and Paul Oakland Sr. He will be lovingly remembered by his parents, Paul and Marie, his sister Kyra, and soulmate Emily Toennis. He will also be greatly missed by his grandmothers, Lois Bang, Judy Oakland. Aunts and Uncles, Jen and Jason Hirsch, Laurie and Todd Grevious, Ruth and Lance Farmer, and Uncle Allen Bang. Cousins: Cole Hirsch, Kaitlyn Dighans, Sterling Farmer, Skylar Farmer, Sariah Farmer, Denver Grevious, Beth Grevious.

Special thanks to everyone near and far that has shown support to the Oakland family during this tragedy. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Miles City Flying Club for the Haiden Oakland Flying Scholarship to award local pilots.