



Philip David Crist Jr.

August 17, 1938 - January 13, 2026

Phil Crist, a devoted husband, father, grandpa and friend, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on January 13, 2026.

Phil was born August 17, 1938 in Park Rapids, Minnesota to Philip and Emma (Zimmerman) Crist. He was the second of thirteen children.

Phil married Sharon Ristinen in 1960 in Minnesota, to which four kids were born. Despite the tragedy of losing his wife and three kids, Phil continued to lead a happy, productive life. He eventually made his way to Montana and traded logging for working in various sawmills.

Phil married Rita Graves in 1991 in Missoula, and gained another loving family. Phil loved to spear those norther pike; always looking for the next 30 or 40 pounder. He was also an avid hunter whether deer, antelope, elk or moose.

Phil retired as head saw filer at Seely Lake sawmill. He continued to sharpen blades and saws for people until his death.

Phil is survived by his wife, Rita, son Kent (Steph), grandchildren Shayde (Dani), Dakota (Christian), Cecilia (Dillon), Makayla (Luke), Cody (Sami Tristan and Briar), Drue and Tristan; great-granddaughters Braelynn, Kesleigh and Emilia and many nieces and nephews.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents, wife Sharon, children, Todd, Jody and Kurt, sisters Renee and Vivian and brothers, Adrian, Elton, Allan, Charles and Jim.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral mass will be celebrated Saturday, February 7th at 11 am in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Deer Lodge.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
605 Clark Street
Deer Lodge, MT 59722

Tribute Wall



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