



Richard Lee "Dick" Gearhart

May 8, 1930 - March 25, 2021

How do you say good bye to someone you never wanted to leave?

On Thursday morning, March 25th, 2021, Dick was called home to be with Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This world lost a truly amazing soul. Dick passed from this life to his eternal life early Thursday morning surrounded by his family.

Dick was born on May 8th, 1930 to Beulah and Willis Gearhart in Woody Creek, Colorado. He attended schools and graduated in Hazleton, Idaho. He served in the Army in 1949 as a medic and was discharged in 1952. He married Lorraine Campanella on March 7th, 1956, in Salt Lake City and shortly thereafter relocated back to Butte. Dick and Lorraine were blessed with four children, Cindy, Donny, Kathy, and Mark. Dick loved hunting, fishing and long rides in the high lands. Dick pursued several careers in Butte including working in the mines; The Kelley, and The Steward. When the mines went on strike he went to work at Safeway where he was a produce manager and later transitioned to a store manager. He worked at Safeway 14 years and finished his professional life at the Butte Job service where he helped many people. He retired from the Butte Job Service after 28 years as the Veterans Representative.

Dick excelled with every position that he held but he was most proud to proclaim that his greatest decision in life was when he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior in 1979. Dick was very devoted to his faith and family

and he never ceased to pray for his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. His love and devotion for Jesus sent him on another journey where he would faithfully hold worship services for prison inmates for 15 years. Rain, sleet, or snow, Dick never missed an opportunity to share Jesus with hurting people.

After Lorraine's passing in 1996, he met his new love and companion, Liane D'Arcy Olson. They were married on September 11th, 1998, and Dick was blessed with Liane's 3 children and 6 grandchildren. He was very gracious and encouraging to all his descendants.

Dick was preceded in death by Lorraine Gearhart and his 2 daughters, Cindy and Kathy, and his beloved brother Russ.

He is survived by his wife Liane, sons Donny Gearhart and Mark (Barbara) Gearhart, Lorelei (Tim) Williams, Ken (Julie) Wedlake, and Greg (Sally) Wedlake, grandchildren: Justin (Emily) Gearhart, Luke (Jamie) Gearhart, Eli Gearhart, Shelby Gearhart, Jacob and Jeremy Wedlake, Chad Williams, Krystal, Coby, Cameron, and Cierra Wedlake, Abbey, Ashley, and Amber McKinnon, and great grandchildren: Madalyn, Ashlyn, and Oakley Gearhart, , Adley Wedlake, Jonathan, Maddie, Ashland and Hayden, Navahlee and Draven Cunningham, and Tripp McKinnon.

Dick lived his life to the fullest. He was kind to everyone and loved unconditionally. We will miss you dearly until we meet again,

In Lieu of donations or flowers: "JUST BE KIND"

Services will be held at Journey Church, on Saturday April 10th, at 10 am.

Journey Church is located at 2055 Florence Avenue.

Previous Events

Service

APR **10**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Journey Assembly of God Church
2081 Florence Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Don and Mark, my deepest sympathy for you loss of your father. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Cindy Williams.

Cindy Williams - March 31, 2021 at 05:20 PM

MG

Means alot Cindy. Thank you!

Mark Gearhart - April 11, 2021 at 09:44 AM

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“ David and Sheila Uggetti purchased the Ghirarde lli Gift Basket for the family of Richard Lee "Dick" Gearhart.



David and Sheila Uggetti - March 30, 2021 at 02:36 PM

DC

“ Sorry for your loss. Dick was a wonderful, kind man, who cared about everyone. Easter in March 1970, he babysat our 2 boys so I could go to the hospital to give birth to our first daughter. He knew I was looking for work, and sent me to United of Omaha for a job interview. Thanks to Dick for sending me there. It was a job I truly loved. Larry has many stories to tell regarding hunting with Dick, Albena, and Carm. They were all troopers. He will be re-united with his daughters💕

Donna Campanella - March 30, 2021 at 07:37 AM



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Greg Wedlake - March 29, 2021 at 08:16 PM



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